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TREMORS SHAKE HONG KONG

Earthquake Shocks Felt Over Wide Area

Bowrington Canal Area Panic

Earthquake tremors lasting two full minutes were felt over a wide area in the Colony yesterday afternoon.

In some districts the tremors were slight, in others, particularly in the Bowrington Canal district (Matheson Street, Sharp Street, Russell Street and Tang Lung Street) they were severe.

In the Bowrington Canal area residents thought the buildings were giving in. Many panicked and rushed out into the streets.

Several householders in the area said their furniture and household fixtures were shaken. One boy was doing his home-work. The table vibrated so much that an ink bottle on it was upset.

An official recording of the earthquake could not be made in Hong Kong as the Royal Observatory has no seismograph.

The tremors were felt mostly by people on upper floors of buildings in the Central District, Wanchai, and in the vicinity of Sincere's and Wing On, between 5.11 p.m. and 5.13 p.m.

One man, living on the top floor of Queen's Building, was bathing at the time. The water in the tub rose and fell as if the tub had been tilted. He thought the building was collapsing.

Two Minutes

Reports from Kai Tak and other areas showed that the tremors were felt at some places for two full minutes and at a few seconds.

People on ground level and lower floors of buildings felt the tremors only when sitting down while those on upper floors were slightly shaken on their feet.

The quake was also felt in the China Mail office.

Several offices reported swaying ceiling fans and electric lights and shaking furniture.

A senior official of the Royal Observatory told the "China Mail" that he felt the tremors between 5.12 p.m. and 5.13 p.m. They lasted from one-a-half to two seconds with a slight sliding motions.

Without the necessary recording instruments, however, he could not say from which direction the earthquake waves struck Hong Kong.

The Central News Agency, whose offices are on the 6th floor of the Bank of East Asia Building, reported that small tables in the office vibrated during the tremors.

Residents of the Peninsula Hotel and European "Y" told a "China Mail" reporter that pictures and photographs on the wall "swung like a pendulum."

The quake was felt as far afield as Shatin, Taipo, and out at Shataukok (near the Border), but, strangely enough, none of the Mainland Police Stations noticed anything.

The lift in the French Bank Building, carrying a few office workers, vibrated on its descent after passing the third floor. The operator thought that this was due to some electrical defect.

Previous Quake

The biggest earthquake in Hong Kong was recorded in February 1918 when several buildings were damaged. The most severely damaged was St. Joseph's College in Robinson Road and the Hong Kong Club on Connaught Road Central.

The College had to move to its present site (formerly the German Club) in Kennedy Road. The damaged building, the walls of which were cracked by the earthquake, was later repaired.

The last earthquake was felt about 20 years ago, causing a landslide in the Robinson Road district.

Manila, Too

Manila, Mar. 3.

A moderately strong earthquake of "Intensity 4" shook Manila and environs for three seconds at 5.13 p.m. the Philippine Weather Bureau reported.

The United States Navy at Subic Bay and the Philippine Weather Bureau at Batangas were attempting to determine the epicentre of the quake, which caused no damage.

With many structures still weakened by war damage, officials think that a sharp quake could cause more than ordinary damage to this war-stricken city.

A quake of "Intensity 6" was felt here during the Japanese occupation but the last damaging tremor came in 1937, when one large business structure was destroyed.—Associated Press.

Where Ignorance Was Bliss?

Bristol, Mar. 3.

Twenty members of the local chapter of the British-Soviet Society boarded the Russian ship Selenga yesterday with gifts of flowers. They were promptly ordered off.

The ship's navigator, who told the delegation he was acting on orders from the captain, said they were "absolutely forbidden to be on board."

The Rev. John Bliss and the other Society members left their Japonica Snowdrops and Primula on the ship's deck.

"There must be some misunderstanding," said the Rev. Mr. Bliss. — United

Afternoon's Fun Ended In Tragedy

London, Mar. 2.

A boy of 10 told the coroner at an inquest at Ealing, Middlesex, today how he had stripped off his clothes except his pants, went out on an ice-frozen lake and plunged into the icy water in an attempt to rescue two chums who had fallen in.

The lad, David Western, was afterwards praised by the coroner, who said: "You are a brave little boy."

The inquest, described by the coroner as a "little story of five boys who went out for an afternoon's fun," was on Leonard Edwards, 11, and James William Samworth, nine, both of Acton, who died last Friday after being rescued from a lake in Osterley Park.

A verdict of accidental death was recorded in each case. The boys were placed in iron lungs in an attempt to save them.

The police inspector said that after Western's rescue attempts, his body, limbs and hands were covered with cuts caused by ice and he was "absolutely frozen."—Reuter.

Manila, Mar. 2.

Philippine labour was today reported to be marshalling its forces for a showdown on the Republic's policy that it will not tolerate strikes against the Government.—Reuter.

Guards For Palestine

London, Mar. 2.

The 1st Battalion, The Grenadier Guards, left Victoria Barracks at Windsor today for Palestine.

The battalion marched through the town with their Colours and headed by the regimental band. They are relieving the 3rd Battalion, The Grenadier Guards, who are returning to England.—Reuter.

Leave?

London, Mar. 2.

Mr. S. Prescott, Conservative, will ask the War Minister on March 9 "whether any official welcome was contemplated for the Officers and men of the Sixth Airborne Division on their return from service in Palestine."

Mr. J. Baker-White, Conservative, will ask the Secretary for Colonies tomorrow "whether on the occasion of the return of the Palestine police force to this country His Majesty's Government will arrange for them a ceremonial parade and march in London to enable the public to express appreciation of these men."—Reuter.

Legal Argument At Court Martial

Hanover, Mar. 2.

The Judge-Advocate announced at a court martial here today that the court had decided not to proceed with the case against Captain F. C. Edmunds, Intelligence Corps, who after his release from the Army was recalled in relation to charges about the treatment of Germans at a British interrogation camp at Bad Nenndorf.

The court ruled, however, that the trial would continue of Lieutenant Richard Langham, Royal Armoured Corps, who was named on the charge sheet with Captain Edmunds.

Mr. Derek Curtis-Bennet, defending, pleaded that the case against Lieutenant Langham should not be continued and declared that it was unconstitutional and unjust to proceed with the case against one officer and not against the other.

The charge against Lieutenant Langham alleged cruelty to two German internees. Referring to Captain Edmunds, Mr. Curtis-Bennet declared that he had been illegally remobilised and illegally charged on two counts of disgraceful conduct involving cruelty.

He said that he had been advised that the War Office had no right to maintain the case against Captain Edmunds and that he would see to it that proper advice was taken before the War Minister ceased to be responsible.—Reuter.

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General Amnesty

Vienna, Mar. 2.

A general amnesty for all Austrians who hand in illegal arms and ammunition before March 14 was declared today by the British military authorities in Austria.

It was added that security conditions in the zone had materially improved.—Reuter.

Crisis In Central America

San Jose, Costa Rica, Mar. 2.

President Teodoro Picardo ordered all Costa Rica's banks to be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday as tension heightened over the nation's political crisis.

The crisis sprang from the election as President on Feb. 8 of Senor Otilio Ulate Blanco, an opposition leader.

Congress annulled the election when the Government candidate alleged it was a fraud. On Saturday, however, an election tribunal ruled that Ulate won, having gained 54,931 votes to 44,438 for his opponent, Former President Rafael Calderon Guardia.

Monday night two national policemen were killed when a gunfight broke out at the home of Valverde Carlos, newly elected deputy and an ardent supporter of Ulate Blanco. Valverde is said to have been wounded so seriously that he is not expected to live.

On Tuesday the nation awaited a general strike order by Ulate Blanco's Union Nacional Party. Picardo said he would suspend all civil rights and invoke martial law if the party proceeds with the strike. —Associated Press.

ANGLO – ITALIAN TREATY

London, Mar. 2.

The draft Anglo-Italian treaty now being considered by the Foreign Offices in London and Rome is a treaty of commerce and navigation, on which discussions have been going on for some time, it was learned from an authoritative source tonight.

The treaty, it is understood, would be in some respects similar to the trade pact recently concluded between Italy and the United States.

There is no question of work having been started on a treaty which would bring Italy into the proposed Western Union.—Reuter.

ANGLO – ALBANIAN DISPUTE

The Hague, Mar. 2.

The International Court refused here tonight's request by Albania to postpone the hearing of the Corfu case in which Britain claim reparations for the mining of the two destroyers, Volage and Saumarez, in the Corfu Channel in 1946.

Professor Vochoc, the Albanian delegate, asked for a postponement until Monday to give him time to prepare a counter-plea to the British case.

The court decided to continue its session next Friday, when Albania will make her counter-plea.—Reuter.

BRITISH SHIP DETAINED

Batavia, Mar. 2.

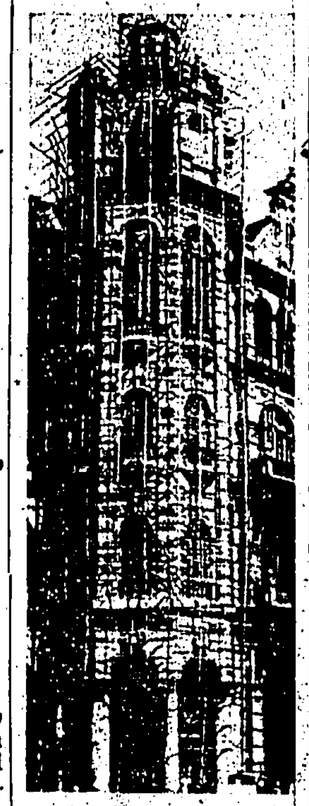
The British converted sailing ship Coorable, 298 tons, registered at Singapore and under charter to a Chinese firm, was reported Tuesday by the News Agency Aneta to be under detention at Sourabaya because of an alleged attempt to reach the Republican port of Tuban on the North coast of Java.—Associated Press.

Rome, Mar. 2.

Senor Manuel Tello, Mexican Ambassador to the Holy See, was received in [illegible]

PICTURE OF THE DAY

In Splints



They're doctoring up the Post Office as this picture shows. What is really needed is, of course, not rejuvenation, but a new building.

Soong Not To Become Premier

Canton, Mar. 3.

Governor T. V. Soong said today he believed the Government troops could hold Manchuria and solve the Manchurian problems eventually.

He told a news conference he was not becoming Premier again. "unless you people want to get rid of me."

Governor Soong announced a big development programme both military and industrially would gradually get under way in Kwangtung. This includes improvement at Whampoa; construction of a steel and iron plant on Hainan Island; and the erection of a huge hydro-electric plant at Yungkiang, 60 miles north of Canton, to electrify Kwangtung.

Bandit suppression is progressing satisfactorily and arms and funds for the provincial forces are available from Nanking.

Smuggling is under control and the illegal export of rice has been reduced from 4,000 to 1,000 piculs daily, he said, adding that smugglers arrested would be sent to Manchuria. Their ships will be confiscated. —Associated Press.

Code Of Conduct For The Police

A seven-point advice circular has been issued by the Commissioner of Police to all members of the Police Force in an attempt to improve the manner and demeanour of the Force in its daily contact with the general public.

The circular advises:

(1). The reputation of the Police Force depends to a considerable extent on the manner and demeanour of all and every member of the force in their daily contact with the general public.

(2). Civility is essential, and Police should carry out their duties firmly but show politeness at all times as far as is compatible with the execution of such duties.

(3). Nothing is gained by incivility, and in modern times today, old-fashioned overbearing and rude manners are not tolerated.

(4) It should be the aim of every Police Officer to be considered a friend of the public.

(5). Tact and patience are the keynotes to success and control can usually be exercised without such action.

(6). Arrests, when necessary, should be made firmly but without roughness and if the arrest is resisted only such degree of force as is strictly necessary to overcome the resistance is justified.

(7). Searches of persons should be conducted with as much consideration as possible, bearing in mind that respectable persons are naturally averse to such a step, however necessary they realise it is to capture criminals.

Budapest, Mar. 2.

The Soviet and Hungarian Governments have agreed to raise their representation in Budapest and Moscow to the rank of Ambassador.—Reuter.

TRADE UNIONS BILL

Peaceful Picketing Permitted

An Ordinance to provide for the registration and control of trade unions in the Colony, and machinery for settlement of trade disputes, had its first reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

Introducing the Bill the Attorney-General (Mr. J. B. Griffin) said:

"The necessity has long been seen in the United Kingdom and elsewhere within the Empire for legislation for the regulation and guidance of trade unions, and also for legislation providing machinery for the settlement of trade disputes. In fact, in this Colony in the years immediately preceding the war this necessity was also felt, and a Bill was drafted and in fact printed, rather similar to the Bill now before Council.

"The necessity for such legislation, recognised as existing pre-war, is no less today, and the Bill before Council is designed to provide legislation for the objects which I have mentioned.

"The Bill in clause 2 defines trade dispute and trade union.

"The Bill provides that an officer, to be known as Registrar of Trade Unions, may be appointed by the Governor.

"Thereafter clause 5 requires that no organisation, being a trade union as defined, may do no act in furtherance of its purpose as a trade union, unless it is registered with the Registrar of Trade Unions.

"The Bill empowers the Registrar of Trade Unions either to register or to refuse registration; and again empowers him, after registration, to cancel it. But both where there is refusal to register and cancellation of registration, the reason for such decision must be given to the parties concerned, and such parties are given by the Bill the right of appeal to the Governor in Council.

"The Bill sets out the obligations which are imposed on registered trade unions. They are serious obligations. They limit the purpose for which trade union funds may be utilised. They require that no person may be an officer of a trade union unless he is a person engaged in the industry in which the union is concerned, and there is prohibition against the employment of trade union funds for payment of fines and penalties imposed on individuals. And there is restriction against the use of trade union funds for political purposes. Again a trade union must see to its accounts. Accounts must be kept and a statement of account submitted to the Registrar of Trade Unions.

Responsibility

"These are obligations imposed and following upon registration as a trade union. They are designed to so impose, because it is necessary and reasonable to expect from a trade union duly registered a high sense of responsibility and a measure of administrative regularity. Such is necessary and is so provided for in the Bill, because the Bill by clauses 28 and 29 reproduces provisions of the United Kingdom legislation and of legislation in other colonies which has followed the order whereby a measure of exemption is given to trade unions from actionary for tortuous acts and liability for criminal action for conspiracy.

"The other and perhaps lesser features of this Bill are to provide for trade disputes. As to them there is provided in the Bill clause 33 allowing of peaceful picketing in connection with trade disputes.

"It is desirable that I should emphasise the words "peaceful picketing." It must be peaceful because there is a prohibition and an offence created by clause 32 if picketing or any other action in furtherance of a trade dispute were to involve violence or intimidation.

Arbitration

"However, on this aspect of trade dispute, settlement provision is made by clause 35 whereby the Governor may appoint an Arbitration Tribunal for settlement of trade disputes, the award of such Tribunal being given publicity.

"At the same time there is a reservation made which is designed to encourage and perpetuate the practice of settlement of disputes by machinery existing within the industries concerned because it is stipulated that the Arbitration Tribunal to be appointed by the Governor with the consent of the parties shall not be appointed unless the machinery in the affected industry has been tried and has failed."

The motion was seconded by the Colonial Secretary (Mr. D. M. MacDougall), and carried unanimously.

Second and third reading of the bill be coming up on March 10. On the suggestion of His Excellency the Governor it was decided to rush the bill through all stages so as to leave the deck clear for consideration of the Budget which is to come up on March 11 [illegible]

Council accordingly adjourned to 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, Mar. 10.

Liberty Ship Fire

Perth, Mar. 2.

A fire which broke out in the U.S. Liberty ship, Cecil G. Sellers, in the Indian Ocean, was reported today to be under control. The ship had been sending out SOS signals for 36 hours.

The John Gorrie is standing by to tow her to Singapore or a port in Java. Other ships which answered the SOS calls are proceeding on their courses.

The fire, which broke out as the ship was 200 miles off Cocos Island, enroute from Australia to France, destroyed the vessel's engine room.—Associated Press.

MANILA BLAZE

Manila, Mar. 3.

A fire early this morning destroyed several buildings in the Tayao district of Manila, including two Chinese schools, residences and warehouses. Damaged was estimated at 1,000,000 pesos.

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Truck Explodes, Kills 11

Haifa, Mar. 3.

A dynamite-laden truck which the Police say was "planted" by the Jewish underground Stern Gang exploded in an Arab residential district today, killing 11 Arabs and wounding 27.

Shortly after the blast, which gutted the seven-story Salameh Building (one of the city's tallest), reporters received a message, purportedly emanating from the Stern Gang, Jewish underground extremist group, claiming responsibility for the explosion.

The attack smashed two houses and ripped into the roofs of several others. Many windows, including all those at the back of the five-storey Central Police Station, about 100 yards away, were splintered.

Army bulldozers and rescue squads hauled away at piles of stone and plaster, seeking casualties.

Police said a truck "loaded down with explosives" was parked alongside a curb near the Salameh Building. The driver got out and a short time later a terrific blast rocked downtown Haifa.—Associated Press.

Non-Paying Passengers

Canton, Mar. 3.

More than 300 non-paying passengers have been arrested on the Canton-Kowloon railway.

As a result, authorities have pronounced this run clear of such passengers and have shifted their campaign to the Hankow-Canton line which is facing a similar problem.

Most of those taken into custody had dressed as soldiers in an effort to evade ticket payment. Some will be sent to Hainan Island and Manchuria to work in labour groups. — Associated Press.

Britain's Pact With Finland

London, Mar. 2.

Britain hopes to announce a satisfactory trade agreement with Finland "in a day or two," Mr. Arthur Bottomley, Secretary for Overseas Trade, told the House of Commons today.

Britain hoped the Finns would relax their restrictions on some imported goods and she had agreed to take certain classes of manufactured goods from Finland.

He also believed satisfactory agreements would be reached with Belgium, Switzerland, Poland and Yugoslavia.

Britain wanted substantial quantities of flax and steel from Belgium and a settlement depended primarily upon getting over some financial difficulties. There had been a considerable drain of gold to Belgium and arrangements must be made to deal with that first. —Reuter.

New Maritime Organisation

Geneva, Mar. 2.

London was today chosen as the world headquarters for the United Nations' new maritime organisation, now being formed by the United Nations Maritime Conference.

The conference, which is drafting the organisation's constitution, hopes to complete its work next Saturday.

The 35 nations attending have still to decide whether the organisation will be a new body of the United Nations or simply a commission of the Economic and Social Council.—Reuter.

Lesson And Warning In Czechoslovakia

London, Mar. 2.

The National Executive of the Labour Party tonight declared that "for Democratic Socialists still free to choose their future, the fall of Czechoslovakia is a warning and a lesson."

The statement said that the Communist minority in the Czecho-Slovak Government afraid of defeat in free elections, chose instead to impose a dictatorship.

No clearer demonstration could be possible that the Communists consider as enemies all those who do not surrender unconditionally to their slightest whims.

"A nation conceived in the principles of liberty, outstanding in its devotion to Parliamentary democracy has, for the second time in 10 years, fallen a victim to aggression from without aided by treachery from within."

Czechoslovakia is an acid test of sincerity. Those who seek to condone this crime show that they are false to the principles [illegible]

The Weather

The anticyclone which is centred over E. Central China [illegible] It is separated from a new anticyclone which is developing over Mongolia by a trough of low pressure extending from N. Siam across N. China to [illegible] and depression over Manchuria. The depression is moving fairly rapidly E. Pressure continues low over the Pacific to the NE of Taiwan.

Today's Forecast—Moderate E and NE winds. Fair or fine.

(Yesterday's Weather—
Maximum: 84.2 deg. F.
Minimum: 68.9 deg. F.
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Rainfall: Nil. Total since 1st March: 0.0 mm.
Sunshine: 4.7 hours.
Normal: 3.1 hours.)

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MRS. HALL APPEALS AGAINST RENT INCREASE DECISION

An appeal against the decision of a Tenancy Tribunal of Jan. 24 in respect of the rental of 86 Nathan Road, second floor, was made by Mrs. Patricia Cecily Hall before the Chief Justice, Mr. E. H. Williams, at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The Tribunal granted an increase of $50 a month in rent as from Feb. 1, 1947, to June 30, 1947, in respect of rateable improvements to the premises effected by the landlord, and a further increase of $51 a month as from July 1, 1947, being the statutory increase of 30 percent allowed by the Landlord and Tenants Ordinance 1947.

Mrs. Hall's appeal was against the $50 a month rent increase in respect of repairs and additions to the premises amounting to $7,905.40 (cut down to $7,500 at the Tribunal hearing) on the ground that in fact there had been no ratenble improvement to the premises, and alternatively the sum expended covered improvements to other properties in addition to the flat she occupied.

Mrs. Hall appeared in person, and the respondent the landlord (Mrs. Wang Yuk Ip) was represented by Mr. F. G. Nigel.

She asked for the Tenancy Tribunal's order to be varied to the standard rent of $120 a month plus $36 a month increase as from July 1, 1947, being the 30 percent increase permitted under the Ordinance.

In her grounds of appeal Mrs. Hall said no admissable evidence was taken at the Tribunal hearing. No evidence was taken on oath, and it only heard the submissions of Mr. Nigel who appeared for the landlord.

She further stated the Tribunal had no power to order an increase in rent prior to April 1, 1947, because no application was made to increase the rent until March 18, 1947.

"Misinterpreted"

The Tribunal, in assessing the increase in rent, misinterpreted section 6 of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance in that under sub-section 3 an increase of rent of 8 percent on the sum expended as additions or improvements is only permissible when such additions or improvements result in an increase in ratenble value, in respect of which there was no evidence.

Furthermore the sum alleged to have been spent on the premises was shown to have been spent partly on other property.

And lastly under sub-section 1 of section 6, the increase of 30 percent is an increase to be calculated on the standard rent only.

The Chief Justice deplored the fact that no sworn evidence was taken at the Tribunal hearing, as if that had been done the contractor could have given evidence on the various items of the bill and the amount applicable or not applicable to the flat in question could have been thrashed out then.

Mr. Nigel replied that Mrs. Hall was not opposing every item of the bill at the Tribunal.

Mrs. Hall said she could not regard the repairs and additions as rateable improvements as it was for the landlord to put the premises back into a habitable condition.

Contractor's Bill

Upon the Court being told that the Assessor's valuation of the flat on April 1, 1947, increased the amount from $1,080 to $1,230, the Chief Justice told Mrs. Hall that expenditure in repairs and improvements must be regarded as rateable improvements, and it was for the amount of the contractor's bill to be examined to see whether it was reasonable or not.

The contractor, Tse Yiu-wa, of the Hip Yuen Firm, 9 Ship Street, Wanchai, was then put in the box and questioned on the various items of his account for $7,905.40.

Witness said this bill was independent of bills rendered for repairs and additions to three other premises, Nos. 90, 92 and 94 Nathan Road, on which sums of $16,319.20, $16,173.00 and $6,575.80 were expended by the landlord.

Hearing was adjourned to 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday March 10, for Mrs. Hall to check up on various items in the bill with which she was in disagreement.

Why POWS Received No Parcels

"It's a bad habit of the Japanese to laugh in the face of adversity," Captain Kamamura, second of the 16 alleged Japanese war criminals on trial, told the No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court yesterday when he entered the box.

Kamamura, charged with mistreating 500 Hainan Camp POWs and causing the death of some 150 Dutch and Australian prisoners between 1942 and 1945, said that when Dr. Teguchi, fifth defendant, walked through the POW Hospital he laughed bitterly at the condition of the sick, "as he was unable to give them proper medicine."

Defendant said that when the Allied powers asked the Japanese whether there were any prisoners on Hainan Island, the Navy said no. The reason for this negative answer was that "the Navy only hold POW's temporarily," and the prisoners on Hainan though held for three years were still regarded as temporary.

The POWs, therefore, did not get Red Cross parcels nor any special medicines, Capt. Kamamura said.

On the question of the issue of medicines to the Japanese and POWs, the Japanese Court Interpreter was warned by the Court that he was not to discuss the case with Defence Counsel and was reminded of his oath and duty.

Defendant will continue his evidence today at 9.30 a.m., when he will be cross-examined by Major Grant McIntyre, Australian Div., SCAP (GHQ) Tokyo, Prosecuting Officer.

Five Million Dollar Bail Hearing

Hearing of the "$5,000,000 Bail" extradiction case, involving Hsu Chi-chweng, alias Chu Kai-cheong, aged 44, charged with two counts of larceny from the Chinese National Government while in Shanghai, was fixed at Central Magistracy yesterday for Mar. 30, at 11.30 a.m.

Defendant, pleading *not guilty* through his counsel, Mr. Marcus da Silva, was remanded in custody for one week. The bail of $5,000,000 still stands open.

Hsu is charged with stealing on Dec. 29, 1946, while being a public servant in Shanghai, US$50,000 and US$260,000 Victory bonds, and on Feb. 22, 1947, CN$2,850,000,000, from the National Government.

Mr. Peter H. Sin appears for the Chinese Government, and Mr. A. Lonsdale representing the Crown, holds a watching brief. Chief Det-Inspector W. W. Williamson appears for the Police.

By-laws made by the Urban Council on Feb. 17, 1948, under section 5 of the Public Health (Food) Ordinance 1935, were approved by Legislative Council yesterday.

Reminders

Today

Y's Men's Luncheon, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
Portuguese Institute Fourth Session, talk on "An English Milford visits Portugal" by Dr. D.J. Sloss, at Clube Lusitano, 6 p.m.
Northumberland & Durham Association Dinner Dance & Concert, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel.
Guest Night, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
FRIDAY
H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corporation annual general meeting, Des Voeux Road, Central, 11.30 a.m.
H.K. Automobile Association meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.
Queen's College Old Boys Association 14th Reunion Dinner, 28 Kennedy Road, 8 p.m.
Interport Sub-Committee Emergency Meeting 5.15 p.m.; followed by ordinary meeting, 6 p.m. H.K. Football Association Offices.
SATURDAY
Central British School, annual sports meeting, 2 p.m.
Violin Recital by Silson Ma Chi-kee, YMCA, Bridges Street 8 p.m.

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Why POWS Received No Parcels

Somerset De Chair In Colony

Mr. Somerset De Chair, the distinguished author and former Member of Parliament, has arrived in Hong Kong by air from Singapore on a "War Office-sponsored lecture tour" to the Forces in Malaya, Hong Kong, and Ceylon.

Mr. De Chair is the younger son of Admiral Sir Dudley De Chair, former Governor of New South Wales. From 1935 until the General Election of 1945, when he lost his seat to the Labour Candidate by the narrow margin of 53 votes, he was Conservative M.P. for South-West Norfolk, and served as Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Ministry of Production from 1942 to 1944.

At the outbreak of the war, Mr. De Chair was commissioned in the Household Cavalry and served in the Middle East, Iraq and Syria, where he was wounded. Subsequently he was with Military Intelligence in the War Office, dealing with Middle East affairs.

His books include the "Golden Carpet," the story of the 21-day campaign in the Iraq desert, and the "The Tectolalitarian State," published last year, a "hilarious satire on the world of politics and country houses" which is peopled with characters whose names leave little doubt as to their real identity.

Earlier books are "The Impending Storm," which includes an interview with Benito Mussolini, and "Enter Napoleon," written after his honeymoon in Corsica. "Peter Public," a book with a political background, which he wrote anonymously, was attributed by some critics to George Bernard Shaw. He has also edited a book of Napoleon's Memoirs.

Mr. De Chair, who is accompanied by his wife, will be the guest of Major General G. W. E. J. Erskine during his stay in Hong Kong, which lasts until March 11, when he will be leaving for Ceylon.

Star Ferry Extension

An extension of the Star Ferry's service is announced today, to come into effect as from March 6.

During all peak periods, a five-minute service will be maintained from both sides of the Harbour. In the evening a 5-minute service will be continued from roughly 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Not The Usual Sort Of Case

"This case is not like the usual cases of avoiding payment of tram fare, as defendant was stopped on the tram and asked for his ticket by Inspector Parks. Defendant pointed to a tramman's union badge in his lapel but did not produce a ticket. Accused was taken to the tramway offices and it was discovered that the supposed tramman was not, and had never been employed by the tramway company," declared Inspector H. Brownrigg, prosecuting. Cheung Sang, 28, unemployed, who was appearing on a charge of evading payment of tram fare.

Defendant pleaded "guilty" and was fined $100 with the option of four weeks hard labour.

Hainan Fisheries

A group of more than 20 American fishery, mining and railway experts have arrived in Canton en route to make a survey of Hainan Island with a view to preparing large-scale development plans for the entire island, according to Chinese press messages from the Kwangtung capital yesterday.

A number of the technical experts have been "loaned" by the American Government to the Kwangtung Provincial Government. The others represent the American Government.

Readers' Letters

Blunden

Sir,—In order to suit the convenience of Mr. Edmund Blunden, who is visiting Hong Kong from Japan, it has been found necessary to alter the dates of his lectures at Government House. The first lecture will be on Friday, 5th March; the second on Monday, 8th March. Mr. Blunden returns to Japan by plane on Tuesday.

B. MELLOR.

BOAC Service To Japan Starts On Mar. 19

In a fortnight's time BOAC will inaugurate a once-weekly flying-boat service that will link Hong Kong and the United Kingdom with Japan.

It is officially announced by BOAC that this British civil air service between the United Kingdom and Japan will open on Mar. 19, when BOAC will extend its present Poole-Hong Kong route to Iwakuni.

The headquarters of the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces has been chosen as a temporary terminal because of the facilities existing there as a base for RAF flying boats.

But the ultimate terminal of the route will be Tokyo.

For this new service, BOAC will put into use their luxurious and commodious Hermes aircraft, which are in every way suitable for [illegible]

According to present schedule the first departure from Japan will be on Mar. 26.

The through journey occupies seven days, the fares being £214 single and £385 return.

The final linking of the BOAC "Speedbird" flying-boat service between the United Kingdom and Hong Kong with Japan means that Hong Kong businessmen will now possess facilities for corresponding with their representatives and interests in Japan by air mail once a week.

The extension of the BOAC service to Japan culminates [illegible]

Personalia

Mr. and Mrs. R. Andrews, Mr. Denis H. Hazell, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. I. Mabbatt, Mr. C. T. Bailey, Mr. R. A. C. Edwards and Mr. Daniel M. Gomes have arrived at the Peninsula Hotel.

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Departures by P.A.A. Clipper yesterday:— C. L. Lastreto, E. J. McGuire, Mrs. Katherine M. Follett, Miss Teresa Follett and Mrs. Sarah F. Maplethorpe (for Shanghai) and J. M. Leseney (for Honolulu).

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Arrivals at the Gloucester Hotel yesterday included Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ingle, Mr. S. H. Pflug and Col. and Mrs. H. C. Mewshaw. Departures included Mr. C. H. Libera, Mr. H. Heidke, Mr. E. S. McGuire, Col. and Mrs. Kindersley, Mr. K. B. Carpenter and Mr. E. A. Buchanan.

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Arrivals at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday included Capt. Barbara Root and Mr. M. C. Cooke. Departures included Mr. J. A. McQuilkin.

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Departures from Repulse Bay Hotel yesterday included Mr. F. Chen, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ingle and Col. B. Luhring.

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The forthcoming weddings have been announced:

Allen Leonard Russell Marchant, Ship's Officer, Seamen's Institute, to Gladys Yeung, 74 Village Road, Happy Valley.

Joseph M'Sloy Masson, Naval Dockyard Police, to Betty Yu, 7 Wong Nei Chong Road, Happy Valley.

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Passengers arriving by the s.s. "Strathnaver" from the United Kingdom on March 17 include Mrs C. M. L. Bethell, Miss U. F. Y. Coulson, Messrs. T. E. Clunie, A. L. Dexter, F. Day, Mrs. E. M. Dalgliah and two children, Mrs. M. J. Hill and three children, Mrs. D. Howe, Mr. P. Hughes, Dr. M. Koneeny, Miss C. W. Leadbetter, Mr. C. J. G. Lowe, Dr. M. A. Lockie, Mr. J. E. Tooley-Moore, Mrs. C. J. Murphy, Mr. A. McIlravey, Mrs. I. V. Mills, Messrs. G. Mitchell, L. S. Price, E. G. Pearson, J. G. Robertson, Mrs. Robertson, the Rev. E. Rogers, Mr. H. V. Richardson, Mrs. Richardson and child, Mrs. M. B. Stedman, Mr. C. P. Scott, Miss T. M. Tollsday, Mr. N. J. Whidbon.

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Presentation of a gold watch on behalf of the staff was made at a ceremony at the S.E.E. and D.E.S. drawing offices at the Naval Dockyard [illegible]

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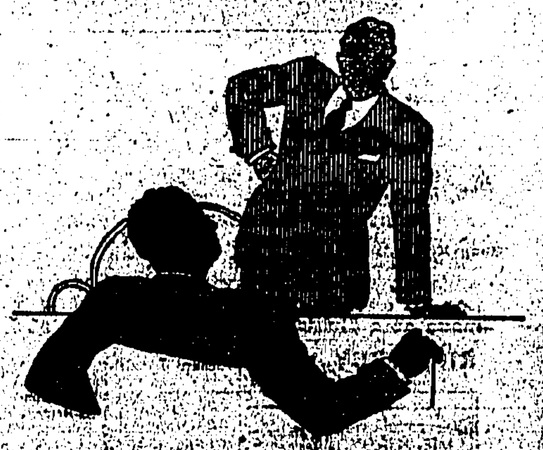

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After submissions by Counsel yesterday as to the measure of damages to be awarded The Hong Kong and Canton Export Co., Ltd., (plaintiffs), in their action for $167,972.00 damages against The Far Eastern Air Transport Inc., judgment was reserved by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), until 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6.

The plaintiffs were represented by Mr. H.G. Sheldon, K.C., instructed by Mr. E.S.G. Brooks of Messrs. Hastings & Company.

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, K.C., appeared for the defendants.

When the case was originally heard on Feb. 12, the defendants were not represented or present in Court.

On Feb. 13, when judgment was entered in favour of the plaintiffs, Mr. d'Almada applied to Mr. Justice Williams for leave to be heard on the question of damages. The application was granted.

Mr. A.J.R. Moss, Director of Air Services, who was recalled yesterday for cross-examination by Mr. d'Almada said that the figures given in the list furnished by him at the original hearing included passengers and freight carried in and out of Hong Kong by BOAC, C.N.A.C. C.A.T.C. FEATI, PAL, Cathay Pacific Airways, Trans-Pacific Air Lines, Commercial Air Lines Inc., Commercial Air Lines Ltd., Air France and Pan-American Airways, as well as Hong Kong Airways. He said that BOAC ran a different route to that of FEATI.

Fares

He had prepared a list of passengers out from Hong Kong by lines run on the same routes as FEATI. The rates charged by various Companies were higher in the last months of 1946 than in 1947. As far as scheduled planes were concerned, the rates charged were found by the International Air Transport Association Conference.

Mr. Carlos Arnulphy, Managing Director of the plaintiffs, who was also recalled said, in answer to Mr. d'Almada, that he always thought the contract was good and to keep. He knew in the beginning that it would not pay at the start, but would do so later. He agreed that as late as Feb. 1947 he wrote to his principals in Manila suggesting that the rate of commission was not commensurate with the work which was being done. The rates for passengers had decreased at that time. Mr. Arnulphy was then examined at length on figures produced by Mr. d'Almada.

Re-examined, Mr. Arnulphy said that an answer to the letter of Feb. 1947 was received in March, 1947. The rate of commission for agents had almost been fixed at ten per cent. It had been verbally agreed that the rate of commission would be increased when the necessity arose. Agents were in fact being paid ten per cent at present.

Mr. d'Almada

Mr. d'Almada, addressing the Court, said that an allegation had been made in the pleadings that defendants sold their Company in or about May, 1947. This statement was denied in the defence. Further plaintiffs claimed upon a contract dated Jan. 1, 1947. Defendants, in their defence, denied that the contract was entered into on that date, but claimed that it was dated Aug. 28, 1946. It was now quite clear that there was a contract dated Jan. 1, 1947. The controlling interest in the defendant company was sold and the persons purchasing this controlling interest, namely, 16,000 out of 20,000 shares, were ignorant as to the existence of the contract of Jan. 1947. This was the reason for the denial.

Mr. d'Almada then went on to say that the principle of damages was that if A broke his contract with B then A must pay B a sum equivalent to that which B would, in all reasonable probability have earned if the contract had been performed. He then proceeded to deal at length with figures shown on charts which he had prepared and compared these figures with those submitted by the plaintiffs. In conclusion, Mr. d'Almada submitted that the measure of damages should be $150,000, less $48,000 and another amount to be determined as the Court thought fit.

Replying briefly, Mr. Sheldon said that Mr. Arnulphy was not a rapacious person and would not haggle over a mere $10,000. Mr. Sheldon submitted that the measure of damages was between $130,000 and $189,000.

Will O'The Wisp Gets $100 Fine

A "will o' the wisp," Ho Po how had two names, two addresses and two lorries. But nobody at both addresses seemed to know him. Nor could the Police find him at either place.

But PC 2817 contacted him when he saw Ho's vehicle, and the "whole mysterious thing" was revealed at Central Magistracy yesterday, when traffic offenders appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada.

PC 2817 said that he was told at No. 161, Lockhart Road, second floor, by a missionary, that nobody by the name of Ho Po-how lived there. The inmates said they had lived there for a year. Witness then met Ho and brought him to the station, where he was charged with failing to report a change of address. PC 2817 said he offered to bring Ho to No. 161, Lockhart Road, but he refused and said he stayed at No. 18, Nam Kin Road. A summons was served at that address, but nobody there seemed to know Ho.

Defendant, saying that he could substantiate his claim to be living at No. 161, Lockhart Road, told the Court that he had just removed into No. 18, Nam Kin Road, his temporary office. He asserted that mispronounciation of his name resulted in the inmates of both places not knowing him. The inmates at No. 161, Lockhart Road, he said, were from Singapore and did not know his name. It was his permanent abode he claimed.

"Any change of address that is not informed would cause a lot of trouble to the police," Mr. d'Almada remarked, when he fined defendant $100.

Bertram William Knight, P.O. of H.M.S. King Salvor, and Lam Lip, tricycle driver, were both committed for trial, when they appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday charged with a serious offence.

Well Fed, But Lacked Clothing

"Parents and guardians may chastise their children but not to this extent," Mr. F. X. d'Almada told Wong Pat, who appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday, charged with ill-treating her step-daughter, 12-year-old Chau Po.

Defendant, pleading guilty, was fined $100 and bound over in $100 for 12 months.

"And don't you threaten anybody, not even her aunt," Mr. d'Almada warned Wong, who was alleged to have threatened Chau's aunt, who reported the matter to the police.

Inspector H. W. Fraser of the SCA, told the Court that the girl, who ran away after being beaten, was taken to the police station by her aunt on March 1.

The girl beaten with firewood for cutting some pork, which was apparently left behind by a hawker in escaping police arrest.

The girl appeared well-fed, but lacked clothing. Prior to this, the girl had been beaten because of Wong's whimsical temper.

Defendant, saying she treated Chau as her own daughter, requested that the girl be told to obey her instructions.

Sequel To Seizure Of Forged Notes

Lau Po-ngau (25), Chong wing-chung (27), Wong Kau (39), Leung Chung (27-year-old married woman), a 18-year-old juvenile, and Chiu Kam-tong (22), were remanded for three days in custody by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on the charges of conspiring, between Feb. 27 and March 1, to possess forged 10-cent notes and with possession of various quantities of the notes.

First and second accused were alleged to have been in possession of 500 10-cent notes on March 1 and to have uttered same.

Second defendant was further stated to have, at Kowloon, 313 of such notes, and another 70 at 38 Nan Chang Street.

Wong Kau was accused of having 2,073 10-cent notes in his possession at 124 Des Voeux Road, Central. His wife, Leung Chung, was stated to have 68 notes in her possession and, jointly with their 13-year-old niece, another 1,800 notes at the same address.

He Learnt A Lesson

With his head bandaged, Yui Tak Lam, 19, appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. F.X. d'Almada on a charge of jumping off a motor bus while the bus was in motion.

Inspector Brownrigg said that defendant jumped off the bus, fell and injured his head. He was taken to Queen Mary Hospital to be treated.

Defendant admitted the charged.

Cautioning defendant Mr. d'Almada said, "I hope you will have learnt your lesson and think twice before jumping off buses again." Yui nodded his head.

Dr. Kwan Kui-lun, of David House, second floor, was cautioned by Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday when he appeared on a summons for leaving his car unattended. Mr. A.R. Powell, of the Revenue Department, was cautioned for leaving his car outside the Central Fire Brigade Building.

"Third Time Lucky" A Fallacy

Ho Wong-king, 22-year-old shop foki, found that for him the saying "third time lucky" was a fallacy for, on his third attempt to defraud the Red Lion Inn, he fell foul of the Police.

The story of Ho's activities, and his fall, was related to Mr. W.H. Latimer by Det. Sub-Inspector W.B. Scragg at Kowloon yesterday, when Ho was charged on two counts of obtaining money by false pretences, two of forging documents, one of uttering, and one of demanding money by false pretences.

Defendant, it appeared, was a foki of a foodstuffs shop. He went to the Red Lion Inn, Hankow Road, on Feb. 23 and offered the cook (Lau Yan-tak) a tin of seasoning Powder.

When the cook refused to purchase it, on the ground of its being an inferior product, Ho asked to be allowed to leave the tin there for a couple of days. This was O.K. by Lau.

Immediately after leaving the kitchen, Ho went up to Chung Shui-chi, the 32-year-old accountant, and presented a chit for $54 for a tin of seasoning powder which he said was purchased by the cook. This amount was paid.

Tin Of Powder

Two days later, continued DSI Scragg, defendant went back to the Red Lion Inn and took away the tin of powder. On the way out he presented the accountant with a bill for $30, purporting to be countersigned by Lau, for a tin of powder. This was also paid.

At 8 p.m. on March 1, defendant gave Tam Tak, a man he sometimes employ as a casual coolie, in the Hop Lung Teahouse, Haiphong Road, a bill for $83.00 for 110 catties of flour.

On Ho's instructions, Tam went to the accountant of the Red Lion Inn and presented the bill, also purporting to be counter-signed by Lau, for collection.

Forgery

The accountant, however, recognised the bill as a forgery and took Tam to the Tsimshatsui Police Station where Tam explained everything and brought the Police to Ho's place.

Defendant, when arrested, "quite frankly admitted the whole affairs," concluded DSI Scragg.

Accused was sentenced to concurrent sentences of six months' hard labour on the two false pretences charges, and a year's hard labour on the four remaining counts.

The Quick Deserve The Fare?

"I don't understand why you public vehicle drivers are always in a hurry," Mr. F. X. d'Almada remarked when he fined Li Wai-kwong, driver of vehicle No. 4304, $250 for driving in a dangerous manner.

Inspector McInnes told the Court that Mr. O. Davis of the I & E was driving along Pokfulum Road at 8.45 a.m. on Feb. 28 when, near the Hong Kong University, he saw defendant trying to pass a lorry on a narrow curve. At the spot, Inspector McInnes said, the road passes over a nullah and has a stone bridge at its side. It was the scene of a fatal accident not long ago.

Davis' car and the lorry were both going in the direction of the Queen Mary Hospital. To avoid a serious accident, as the public vehicle was on the wrong side of the road, Davis had to brake abruptly.

Defendant said that he tried to overtake the lorry but when approaching the bend he noticed a car coming and slowed down behind the lorry.

Casting

With Priestley's "Dangerous Corner," well in rehearsal, the Stage Club are already planning the next production which will be the last of the Winter Season. To this end, a Casting Meeting is being held in the Missions to Seamen Theatre at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday, March 4th. The play to be cast is "Thing That Go Rump In The Night," a comedy-thriller in three acts by Clifford Davies. It is intended that this will be produced during the last week in April.

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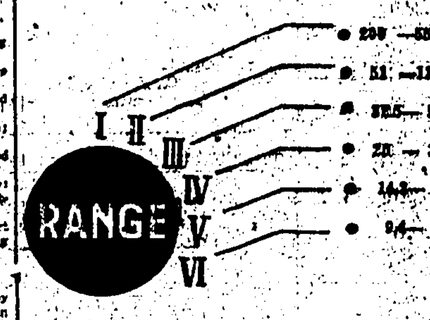

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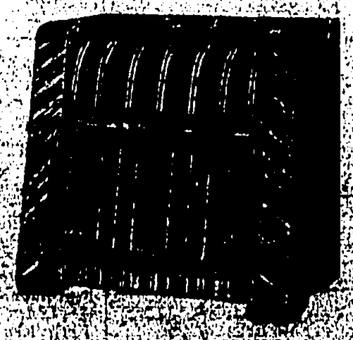

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Sale Conditions may be obtained and sale plan inspected at the Office of the Superintendent of Crown Lands and Surveys, Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong.

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V. KENNIFF,
Director of Public Works.

Hong Kong, 27th February, 1948.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Owing to unforeseen circumstances the meeting is postponed to Tuesday, 9th March 1948 at 5.30 p.m. at the Y. W. C. A., Rutton Building, Duddell Street.

Agenda:— To receive reports and accounts for the past year.

To review and, if thought fit, revise the constitution and policy of the Association.

To elect officers.

T. P. WU,
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Wednesday, the 17th day of March, 1948, at Noon, to receive the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 4th March, 1948, to the 17th March, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the
Board of Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager & Secretary.

Hong Kong, 20th Feb., 1948.

NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of JOHN EDMUND JUPP late of Messrs. J. D. Humphreys & Son, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, merchant, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 68 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 25th March, 1948.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 24th day of February, 1948.

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Hong Kong, 3rd March, 1948.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 13th March, 1948 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 4th March, 1948.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Actg. Secretary

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-fifth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, the 18th day of March 1948 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1947, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 6th March to the 18th March 1948, both days inclusive.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1948.

MARSMAN HONGKONG CHINA, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the registered office of the Company, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the eighteenth day of March, 1948, at 3.00 P.M. to receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the period 1st May 1946 to 30th April, 1947, to elect Directors, to appoint Auditors and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from Thursday, the fourth day of March, to Thursday, the eighteenth day of March, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. RAWITZ,
Director.

3rd March, 1948.

HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited, Hongkong on Wednesday, 24th day of March, 1948, at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the Register of Members of the Company, will be closed from the 10th to the 24th day of March, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1948.

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NOTICE

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the thirty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 3rd floor, Hong Kong Bank Building, on Friday, the 19th March, 1948, at 1½ a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 5th March, 1948 to the 19th March, 1948 both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

25th February, 1948.

NOTICE

UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

ALTERATION OF DATES OF LECTURES

By Mr. Edmund Blunden

Mr. Edmund Blunden will deliver two lectures by the invitation of His Excellency the Governor, at Government House.

1. The Poet's View of the Universe (exemplified by Shakespeare, Shelley and Hardy) at 6 p.m. on Friday, 5th March.
2. Contemporary English Authors at 6 p.m. on Monday, 8th March.

Accommodation is limited, and therefore people interested are asked to write before Thursday, 4th March, to the Registrar University of Hong Kong, for invitation cards.

M. MELLOR,
Registrar

2nd March, 1948.

NOTICE

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME

We, China Hellenic Line Ltd., c/o Brutton & Co., Solicitors, Windsor House, 1st Floor hereby give notice that in conformation with owners nomenclature, we have applied to the Ministry of Transport, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the steamship "HELLENIC BULBUL" of Hongkong Registry. Official Number 147,002 Gross Tonnage 576 tons, Register Tonnage 278 98/100 tons heretofore owned by China Hellenic Lines Ltd., for permission to change her name to "HELLENIC BEE" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hongkong as owned by China Hellenic Lines Ltd.

Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within SEVEN days from the appearance from this advertisement.

Dated at Hongkong the 4th day of March, 1948.

CHINA HELLENIC LINES LIMITED,
G. M. STAMATELATOS,
Director.

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company's Offices on Friday, 5th March, 1948, at 5.30 p.m.

Business: Election of Officers and Committee for the ensuing year and any other matters.

All who have filled in and sent in application forms or have given notice of intention to continue membership, are eligible to attend the above meeting.

T. E. JACKSON,
Chairman, Interim Committee.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. John Paul has resigned from his directorship and as secretary of this Company as from the 1st day of March, 1948 and that his duties as such ceased from that date.

Dated the 1st day of May, 1948.

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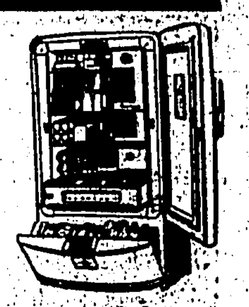

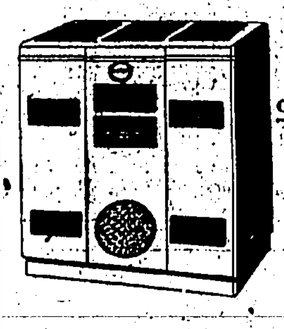

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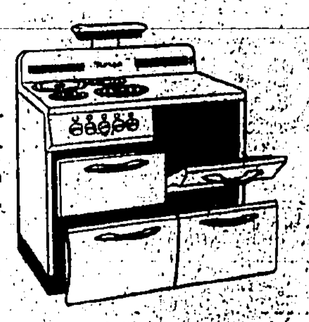

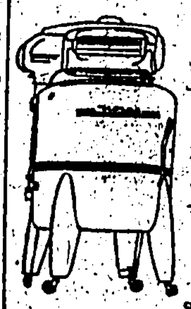

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8.15 a.m.	„ 9.30 a.m.	„ 5 minutes		8.20 a.m.	„ 9.25 a.m.	„ 5 minutes	
9.40 a.m.	„ 12.20 p.m.	„ 10 minutes		9.35 a.m.	„ 12.25 p.m.	„ 10 minutes	
12.25 p.m.	„ 2.30 p.m.	„ 5 minutes		12.30 p.m.	„ 2.25 p.m.	„ 5 minutes	
2.40 p.m.	„ 4.30 p.m.	„ 10 minutes		2.45 p.m.	„ 4.35 p.m.	„ 10 minutes	
4.35 p.m.	„ 8.00 p.m.	„ 5 minutes		4.40 p.m.	„ 8.05 p.m.	„ 5 minutes	
8.10 p.m.	„ 9.00 p.m.	„ 10 minutes		8.15 p.m.	„ 9.05 p.m.	„ 10 minutes	
9.15 p.m.	„ 1.15 a.m.	„ 15 minutes		9.15 p.m.	„ 1.30 a.m.	„ 15 minutes	

SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS

6.00 a.m.	to 12.20 p.m.	every 10 minutes		6.15 a.m.	to 12.25 p.m.	every 10 minutes	
12.25 p.m.	„ 2.30 p.m.	„ 5 minutes		12.30 p.m.	„ 2.25 p.m.	„ 5 minutes	
2.40 p.m.	„ 4.30 p.m.	„ 10 minutes		2.45 p.m.	„ 4.35 p.m.	„ 10 minutes	
4.35 p.m.	„ 8.00 p.m.	„ 5 minutes		4.40 p.m.	„ 8.05 p.m.	„ 5 minutes	
8.10 p.m.	„ 9.00 p.m.	„ 10 minutes		8.15 p.m.	„ 9.05 p.m.	„ 10 minutes	
9.15 p.m.	„ 1.15 a.m.	„ 15 minutes		9.15 p.m.	„ 1.30 a.m.	„ 15 minutes	

LATE SATURDAY NIGHT (SUNDAY MORNING) Ferries

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12.45 a.m.	1.00 a.m.
1.00 a.m.	1.15 a.m.
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— FINAL EPISODE —

FINLAND'S SEVEN QUESTIONS

Queries Put To Stalin On Treaty

Finns' Agitation For Neutrality

Helsinki, Mar. 2.

Seven questions have been put to Marshal Stalin by President Juho Paasikivi, of Finland, about the proposed treaty of mutual military assistance and friendship.

They include:

What obligations would the proposed pact impose on the Finnish armed forces, already reduced by the peace treaty?

What effect would the pact have on public opinion?

Would the pact improve or impair relations between the two countries?

How would the pact affect the peace treaty?

What is the meaning of certain clauses in the Rumanian and Hungarian treaties (which Marshal Stalin quoted as models for the proposed Finnish-Russian pact)?

These questions, which were being discussed today by foreign affairs experts of the Finnish Government and the various Parliamentary groups, were put last Saturday in a letter which the President handed to Lieutenant General Savonenkov, the Soviet Minister in Finland, in acknowledging Marshal Stalin's earlier letter.

Government experts had tonight completed their report on these questions but all political parties, except the extreme left People's Democrats—which supports the proposed pact—were still in consultation.

These leaders, while advocating that good relations should be maintained with Russia, considered that a neutral line was the best for Finland.

Parliament To Decide

They said their parties would not be stampeded into a pact but would insist that it be placed before Parliament for approval in the normal constitutional way.

President Paasikivi was reported to be relying on a decision by Parliament rather than by the Coalition Cabinet in which the People's Democrats hold important posts.

This was believed to be the reason why the Parliamentary groups were insisting on a full examination of the proposal, with all its implications, before giving their approval.

Reports reaching Helsinki tonight from Turku and Tampere said that Communist factory workers there held meetings today calling on the Government to conclude the pact.

Mrs. Hetta Kuusinen leader of the People's Democrats, visited the Soviet Legation here yesterday. Questioned later if she believed the Soviet wanted a pact quickly, she replied: "I represent the People's Democrat Party, not the Russian Legation."

City Of Rumours

Helsinki, though calm, was a city of rumours tonight, where every incident was receiving sensational interpretation.

Crowds watching the Presidential Palace this morning saw five Cabinet Ministers arrive. This gave rise to a rumour that the Government Foreign Affairs Committee had approved the Russian proposal. But the Ministers were merely calling on the President to attend the decoration of a leading Finnish actor.

The Foreign Affairs Committee, which consists of six Ministers, was to meet later today, it was learned. Although the full text of Generalissimo Stalin's letter to President Paasikivi was published last week, all kinds of sensational reports of the proposal were current tonight.—Reuter.

TRAITORS' WEALTH

Nanking, Mar. 3.

The Ministry of Finance has decided to hold a lottery of jewellery seized from collaborationists and traitors, with the proceeds going for the relief of high and primary school students.

The Executive Yuan has already approved the scheme, which calls for six bi-monthly lotteries, for each of which 500,000 tickets will be sold at CN-$200,000 each.—Reuter.

H.K. Attack Was Not Expected

Ottawa, Mar. 2.

The Prime Minister (Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King) today denied that Canada had been forewarned of an imminent Japanese attack when it dispatched troops to Hong Kong in 1941.

He told the House of Commons that the charges contained in the letter by Mr. George Drew, Premier of Ontario, were "not only not correct, but the fact is both before and after the expedition sailed, and indeed until the very eve of the Japanese attack, such information as I received was to the effect that an early attack on Hong Kong was not anticipated".

A Commons discussion ensued regarding publication of the Drew letter in full, on which Mr. King declared, "I am not going to break faith with the British Government— United Press.

FAKED PASSPORT ARREST

Glasgow, Mar. 2.

Special Branch police here tonight arrested two local men, alleged leaders of the Scottish end of a faked passport plot to smuggle displaced persons from Europe to Canada.

They were arrested following questioning over a period of weeks and have been formally charged with "unlawfully conspiring to supply persons with passports."

The Glasgow and London police have been working in close cooperation on the case since early in the year, when a foreigner was questioned at a Scottish airport after the discovery that he was carrying a passport in the name of a man with a criminal record.

Later, the police learned that a public house in Glasgow was the clearing centre of the plot and used in making contacts.

The arrested men will be taken to London later in the week for further proceedings. — United Press.

Imports To Britain

London, Mar. 2.

Britain has arranged for token imports during 1948 from 11 countries, the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Harold Wilson, told Parliament today.

They are Australia, Canada France, Holland, India, Italy, Sweden, Pakistan, Switzerland the United States and Denmark.

Other countries may be included later.

The list differs from that of last year in that Australia, India and Pakistan are included, while Belgium, Luxembourg, Finland and Norway are omitted.

Permitted imports of specified goods will remain at 20 per cent of the value of each individual manufacturer's average trade with Britain during 1936-1939.

The Board of Trade tonight announced new trade agreements as a result of which Britain will get more essential foodstuffs from Poland this year and large quantities of pulp and timber products from Finland in exchange for coal and steel.—Reuter.

Budapest, Mar. 2.

The Deputy Mayor of Budapest, M. Peter Bechtler, a Social Democrat, and several Social Democrat Burgomasters in the provinces have resigned.—Reuter.

Relations With Brunei

London, Mar. 3.

Administrative changes in Britain's relations with Brunei were announced today by Mr. Davis Rees-Williams, Colonial Under-secretary.

The Governor of Sarawak will act as British High Commissioner for neighbouring Brunei and Sarawak technical officials will be available as advisers to the Sultan. It was previously under Malaya.

Mr. Rees-Williams said the changes would not alter Brunei's position as an independent state "under His Majesty's protection." Likewise, there is no change in the status and powers of the Sultan and his State Council.—Associated Press.

Military Pact In Western Europe?

London, Mar. 2.

Labour organizations in Belgium and Holland today moved to prevent any Communist take-over and diplomatic quarters predicted that Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg would sign a military and economic alliance within two weeks.

In Belgium, the General Federation of Labour dropped all Communists from its Secretariat and administrative bureaus.

In Holland, the powerful Dutch Labour Party branded the Netherland Communists "Fifth Columnists" and warned against further cooperation.

Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg will open a conference in Brussels on Thursday, but authoritative reports indicated that Communist coup in Czechoslovakia and Russia's request for a pact with Finland already has produced an agreement in principle on a solid five-power alliance.

Informed quarters said the recent Communist manoeuvres provide the necessary impetus for the five-power agreement which the British Foreign Secretary (Mr Bevin) sees as the hard nucleus of a Western European Union stretching from Scandinavia to Italy.

The selection of Fernand van Langehove as head of Belgium's delegation led observers to believe the projected alliance would conform to provisions of the United Nations Charter allowing regional defence pacts. Mr van Langenhove recently served as Security Council President.—United Press.

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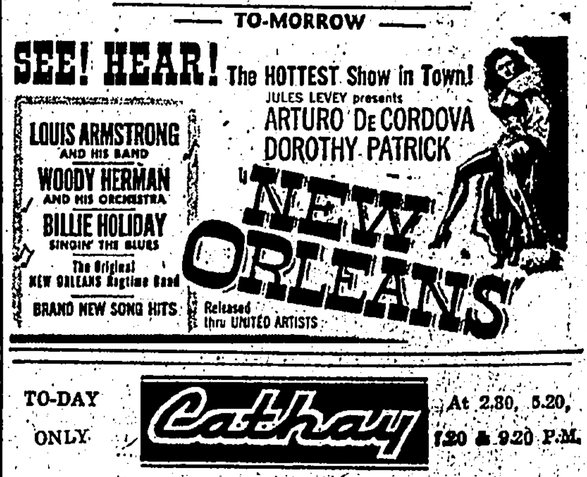

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TRADE UNIONS ORDINANCE

As our Legislative Council can hardly be represented as staunch in support of labour interests, the new ordinance to regulate trade unions in the Colony and trade disputes will, doubtless go through without much critical examination. Primarily it is designed to make compulsory the registration of all unions, exercise a measure of control over the application of their funds, and to provide machinery for arbitration where industry itself has not set up conciliation boards or a like method of settling industrial disputes.

Special features are provisions to check dictation to a trade union within the Colony from a source outside the Colony, unless the affiliation has had the prior sanction of Government: the repeal of the Illegal Strikes and Lock-Outs Ordinance, which was based upon the highly controversial Trades Disputes Act passed in England after the General Strike of 1926 and repealed by the present Labour Government; permission to carry out peaceful picketing in furtherance of a trade dispute; and the immunity of trade unions from actions for tort.

For practical reasons, certain minor features of the Illegal Strikes Ordinance have been incorporated in the new Bill, but in general, it conforms to principles satisfying the present Secretary of State for the Colonies. The Bill has, in fact, been a considerable time in the drafting in order to achieve its final form, a good deal of it spent in England under examination by the experts of the Colonial Office, so that our mild jibe at the composition of Legislative Council bears no reference to the merits of the Bill.

By is, certainly, the trade union member stands to gain far more than he can possibly lose: the unions gain a legal status which did not hitherto exist, though they have been in close association with the S.C.A. and in frequent contact with the Commissioner of Labour; and their powers and privileges are clearly defined.

These things, like the arrangements for boards of arbitration, are all to the good. Some feeling of objection may arise from the compulsory features of the Bill. Compulsion always has an unpleasant flavour about it. More important, however, is the general effect and purpose of the measure, and in its operation it must tend to improve substantially trade union organisation in this Colony and to strengthen the workers' position along sound lines.

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This War "Alarm"

Although many Americans are fearful of war with Russia, nobody in London is bothering to seek a bet with Lloyd's underwriters on the chances.

These insurance "gambles" indicate the feeling of London's business world on grave international issues.

For example: A week before the Munich pact with Hitler in September, 1938, Lloyd's premium rate by policies based on the risk of war within a year was 60 guineas per cent.

In December, 1938, (*Britain had made a naval treaty with Italy; Roosevelt had warned the Fascists against further aggression*) the air was calmer and the rate was down to 20 guineas per cent.

Six months later (*Nazi troops were in Austria; Britain had guaranteed Poland's integrity; Hitler had denounced the Anglo-German Naval Agreement*) the rate was 100 guineas per cent.

Roy Carleton's Survey Of The Westminster Scene

Government Not Out Of The Real Wood

Churchill's comparative silence to which I made passing reference in last week's dispatch was significantly broken when he made his "couponed" Party BBC broadcast and followed it up with a characteristic Winstonian onslaught on the Government in the House of Commons when quite a lot of people lost their tempers with each other.

I used the word "significant" purposely because in the Parliamentary lobbies it was generally assumed that Mr Churchill's sudden vocal blasts were timed to affect the election poll at Paisley.

The sitting member, Viscount Corvedale, went to the House of Lords on the death of his father, Earl Baldwin, and for once, the Conservatives and Liberals were able to join forces to back an anti-Labour candidate, John McCormick, in a straight fight against Douglas Johnston (Labour).

The result was astonishing in several respects. The total poll showed over 2,500 more votes cast than at the General Election so that both candidates recorded increased polls compared with their party candidates at the General Election.

Remarkable Event

More remarkable still was the fact that despite Mr. Churchill's fierce attacks, despite the alarming news of the nation's economic sickness, and despite many other things which suggest that the Government must be desperately unpopular in many quarters their candidate won the seat with the highest poll of any Labour candidate in Paisley's history.

Political observers thought Mr Churchill would have been wiser if, in his broadcast, he had devoted less time and language to expatiating on the Government's alleged "mismanagement and misrule" and concentrated more on the obvious dissension amongst Labour members of Parliament concerning contending schemes for the future development of Europe.

The Labour party executive felt it was necessary to reaffirm its ban on participation in Mr Churchill's Hague Congress in May but a number of Labour members of Parliament who have already attached themselves to that movement defiantly declared that they proposed to continue their association. Meanwhile, Mr Bevin, despite his Western Europe speech, remains silent on this most uncomfortable situation.

Slightly Comic

The row which Mr. Churchill provoked in the Commons over the Representation of the People Bill was regarded by most observers as slightly comic and unreal though protagonists on both sides of the House wrangled as bitterly as if the issue had importance. Briefly Mr Churchill contended that in 1944 when other changes in the electoral machinery were being pushed through Parliament, the Labour side had agreed to withdraw demands for the abolition of the University Seats and business votes in return for the Conservatives agreeing to extend the local Government vote to seven million non-rate-payers and he angrily accused Mr. Attlee and Mr. Morrison of repudiating this honourable bargain in the new Bill now before the House.

The episode was not improved by Mr. Woodburn, Secretary of State for Scotland, who made a blundering intervention by admitting there had been bargain which Mr Morrison had been denying but that the Conservatives had broken it first by putting up at the University by elections, Conservative candidates who were defeated at the General Election.

It was amusing to see Mr Morrison tugging Woodburn's coattails as he said this, because Herbert's line was that the agreement was purely a negotiating arrangement applicable to that particular period's argument and was in no way binding on either side in any future Parliament. How artificial the whole stormy scene had been was revealed when the time came to enter the division lobbies.

Tory Joke

Then the Conservatives: who had made such a song about the University seats and business votes and the unfair treatment of the City of London, decline to vote at all and the House rang with laughter when the result of 316 votes to 6 was announced.

The obdurate half dozen objectors were all Liberals who thus registered their desire to see such changes in the General Election voting system under which they declare "a minority of electors is enabled to elect a majority in the Commons and thus frustrate the will of the people."

But the Government is not out of the real wood on this Bill for I predict the Committee stage will see powerful Opposition from a fairly influential group of Labour members who object to the proposed alterations in certain constituencies which, in the case of Bradford, will result in only three Labour seats where now there are four. Unexpected support for this section has already come from Mr. Hugh Dalton who, on their behalf, rose and made his first speech in the Commons since he resigned the Chancellorship.

Most out-of-the ordinary event in recent Parliamentary history was the all party agreement to a new clause in the Local Government Bill which gives power to local authorities to build or buy theatres, concert or dance halls for any kind of entertainment or to maintain an orchestra.

Feeble objection was raised by Mr. Walter Elliott. (Conservative, Scottish Universities) to the fact that the Bill empowers the local authorities to levy up to a six-penny rate for these purposes. This, he said, was extravagance in these hard times, but other members of all parts of the House welcomed the Bill, which nightly pleased its sponsor, Aneurin Bevan, who is having a particularly rough time just now over the doctors' refusal to work his new Health Act.

Cabinet Decision

The Cabinet has again indicated that despite the BMA vote, the Act will come into force on the appointed day in July and it is now a case of who will give way first. One hears in the lobbies, members of all shades of political opinion who deplore the fact that the whole battle has centred round this rather small question of the protection of doctors' professional status and that such questions as the position of certain types of hospitals under the new Act and other similar important issues have been lost sight of.

A number of other interesting points have been made in Parliament though without attracting as much attention as big debates obtain. The oft-suggested idea of a State lottery again popped up in the form a question answered by Sir Stafford Cripps who told Smith (Conservative, Ashford) who had proposed the £2,000,000,000 international scheme that the Government had no intention of running anything of this kind because he felt that the prospects of gain to the Exchequer were very dubious and it would give rise to all manner of difficulties under existing exchange control.

A Surprise

Comparison of food prices in 1921 with those ruling today brought some intensely interesting figures from Dr. Edith Summerskill, Parliamentary Secretary Food Ministry. Most people, I am sure, would be astonished to find that almost everything was dearer then than now. Bacon cost 2/6 per pound but now is 2/2½, bread was 1/1½d. against 10½d. today, butter 2/11 against 1/4 cheese 1/8 against 10d., margarine 1/- against 6d. today.

Most of these prices have of course been helped by subsidies. I have not mentioned meat because that is in a somewhat nebulous position. In this respect it was curious to hear Cripps this week utter praise of the new Argentine trade agreement and then a few minutes later, we had Hector McNeil telling us about the dispute which has blown up with Argentine and Chile over ownership of islands in the Antarctic.

Members felt somewhat irritated by these attempts of certain South American countries to twist the tail of the British Lion but realising the delicate stage in which the whole business stood just then they suppressed their desire to pursue the subject with probing questions and supplementaries.

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100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

The Peninsula & Oriental Co.'s steamer "Canton" arrived here yesterday from her cruize after the missing "Rustomjee Cowasjee"—no tidings whatever of the ill-fated vessel having been obtained.

According to instructions, she proceeded as far South as 18, experiencing heavy weather, with the winds from NE to ENE. Running down the coast of Hainan, she called at the ports of Song-que and Mammee, obtaining, however, no intelligence of the vessel searched for.

Captain Morris of H.M. brig "Arab," which vessel left this a week ago, having had represented to him the case of the missing vessel, kindly undertook to give his undivided attention to the looking for, and assisting, any disabled vessel which might be in the track from this to Singapore. On this most slender reed now rests the hopes of those interested in the fate of the "Rustomjee Cowasjee," of which vessel we sadly question ought will ever be heard.

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Commander Barker of H.M. Brig "Serpent," who is now, by the demise of Captain Troubridge, the Senior Naval Officer in China, does not think it right to incure the Responsibility of giving himself an acting order to command H. M. ship "Amazon," consequently the "Amazon" proceeds to Whampoa to relieve the "Serpent," which, until the long delayed arrival of the Admiral, will be the guardship at Hongkong.

It is certainly a pity that Admirals appointed to this Station should come by the Overland route, they, and old Sea Captains say the same amongst them, plead as the way that they get variously lines of long as their can at Singapore's arrival in China they have to wait for it, say 1/2 the other

CARNIVAL By Dick Turner

"Just think! After we're married I won't be your secretary any more—I'll be treasurer!"

THERE WILL BE CHAOS IN PALESTINE

Middle East Report By O'DOWD GALLAGHER

In the sprawling British headquarters which rise from the yellow sand beside Lake Timsa, in Egypt's Canal Zone, General Sir John Crocker cast a momentary strategic sideglance towards Palestine.

But events there could not long keep the general's eyes from a more distant horizon.

A top British Staff officer put it like this:

"If my outstretched hand is Britain's strategic interest in the Middle East, then my little finger-nail represents Palestine.

"You *could* say, though, that it's been pretty badly bruised because it got caught in a slammed door."

So while General Crocker blows coolingly on the bruised finger that is Palestine, he doesn't take his gaze off that horizon—and strives to penetrate beyond it through the darkness of troubled India to the Pacific headquarters of General MacArthur.

When Britain quit India, Sir John, sitting in the war-room of MELF (Middle East Land Forces), facing north, felt a chill breeze on his right flank.

Strategic Gap

It blew through the strategic gap in Britain's world defence line caused by our military abandonment of the Indian sub-continent.

Unable now to defend themselves against any aggressive Power, the Indians have become our responsibility at second-hand. Ours is now the anxiety about their safety without the privileges of the protector.

Before the British Empire began "clattering down," in Churchill's apocalyptic words, MELF was already the biggest British Command in our history.

Now that India has gone and Palestine is going, its strategic interests range over so many million square miles that it is outsized only by the Kremlin's.

It is no exaggeration to say that Sir John's Command is probably the most important in our long history (outside the security of the United Kingdom itself).

As General Eisenhower said in his farewell report as United States Chief of Staff on February 15:

"If the oldest corridor between East and West (the Mediterranean) were walled up, the effects would be instantly catastrophic."

Diplomatic Gap

What immediate steps can Sir John Crocker take to safeguard British interests in this turbulent Middle East? Many.

He might get his people in the [illegible]

Never were there such Middle East diplomatic comings and goings. Never before were such hard deals haggled over.

For, driven from one demand to another by the new nationalism of their various peoples, the Middle East Premiers are asking more than either Britain or the United States can give.

One popular belief is that MELF will soon abandon its great modern camp in Egypt's Canal Zone and set up shop somewhere in East Africa.

African Gap

But one of Crocker's strategists says:

"If the diplomats don't mind my saying so, it would be a strategic absurdity.

"Can we afford to shift our Middle East military strength down into the abdomen of Africa? No. For it would be as dangerous as being operated upon by a surgeon with delirium tremens.

"Do Egypt's rulers really want us to abandon them, too, as we did India, with consequences that would be even more hazardous to Egypt? I don't think so."

But Egypt's rulers have a tricky job in prospect—to accustom the Egyptian people to the idea that Britain is going to stay in the Canal Zone after all, in Egypt's interests as well as Britain's.

Egyptian Gap

For, make no mistake, the British are the best-hated people in Egypt. But our peril there—and the Egyptians'—lies in Farouk's failure to improve the lot of the impoverished and underfed *fellaheen*, who form a fruitful field for the seeds of Communism.

Egypt's rulers have been too preoccupied with ambitions of Pan-Islamic leadership, through the Arab League, and, according to competent observers, paying too little attention to developing their new-found independence.

And what about the little finger-nail, Palestine? The MELF strategist says:

"I think Jewry has never been in such a difficult position in its whole troubled history, and unless some international force comes to implement partition there will be chaos.

"I foresee the Jews withdrawing into a coastal strip about 12 miles deep between Tel Aviv and Haifa from which they would fight to the end to maintain a fragile hold on the Promised Land.

A Holy War

"There is crueller strife in prospect in the Holy Land than Spain ever knew in its civil war.

"The Jews won't go quietly driven out by mild force. They are a tough people. The Arabs, on the hand, are equally tough. They're quite willing to die in a Holy War. In the [illegible] that if they do the [illegible]

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

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STEP BY STEP COUNTING

Most card-counting by a fine player is progressive. He gets his information bit by bit and so does his counting of the opponent's suit lengths step by step. Eventually, when he is pretty sure he has the vital hand counted, he proceeds with a plan calculated to make the most valuable use of his knowledge. The player who will not exert his brain muscles on such a procedure may get the same result by a fortunate guess, but he also will occasionally fumble his opportunity by guessing wrong.

	S 9 5 4 H A K 6 2 D K Q 8 5 C A J	
S Q J 7 2 H 10 8 3 D J 10 C 10 8 7 4	N W E S	S None H J 9 7 4 D 9 7 6 4 3 2 C 9 6 5
	S A K 10 8 6 3 H Q 5 D A C K Q 3 2	

(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable.)

South	West	North	East
1 S	Pass	3 H	Pass
3 S	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 H	Pass	6 S	

That bidding was none too adroit. The average player with North's hand would have followed the 5 Hearts, showing two aces in response to the Blackwood 4-No Trumps, with 5 No Trumps to ask about kings, and then might have struck the side into 7 No Trumps, a very nasty contract, as it developed. The [illegible] would have [illegible] contract. He led the club 4 to the A. South tried the spade 4 to the A, and East's diamond discard showed what he was up against. He had just one possible play for it, a throw-in, which necessitated his counting West's hand. From the club 4 lead, he rated West now with four in each black suit, therefore five red cards. How many were hearts, and how many diamonds? His diamond A brought the 10.

Now, he reckoned, if that was a singleton, West would have held four hearts, in which case a lead of the major suit probably would have been preferred to clubs. So West must have the diamond J too, and three hearts. Paralleling that count, he proceeded to play. He scored the heart Q, club J, ruffed the diamond 8, took the heart K, ruffed the heart 6, scored the club K and Q, and retained only the spade K-10-8. He led the 8. West got it with the J, then had to lead from the Q-7 into the K-10. Note that if South had guessed West's distribution wrongly, a ruff would have beaten the contract.

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Tomorrow's Problem

	S 9 3 2 H A 8 D K Q 10 9 5 C 8 7 3	
S K Q J 5 4 H J 7 6 3 D 7 3 C 5 4	W E	S 6 5 H K 9 6 4 D A J 2 C Q 9 6 2
	S A 10 7 H Q 10 5 D 8 6 4 C A K J 10	

(Dealer: South. East-West

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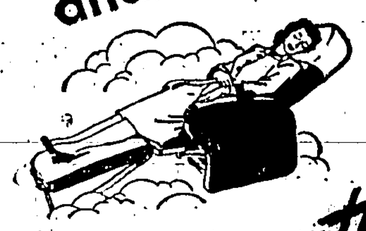

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BULLITT WANTS BULLETS

Advises Military Aid For China

Key To Whole Of The Far East

Washington, Mar. 2.

Mr. William C. Bullitt, former United States Ambassador to Russia, advised Congress today to vote $100,000,000 for military supplies to China.

"China is the key to the entire Far East," he said. "If our Government should permit the Communists to take over China, it would have failed to bar the way to an attack on our country by overwhelming masses of Stalin-driven slaves.

"We cannot successfully oppose the Communist conquest of the world by opposing Communism in Europe only."

The House Committee is holding hearings on the proposal to give $570 million in non-military aid to the Nanking Government.

Mr. Bullitt accused the State Department, which drafted the loan to China programme, of "apathy".

Mr. Bullitt recommended that the United States send to Nanking at once "a man of the highest intelligence and energy" who could help China on its military as well as its political and economic problems, and that the United States make sure that China gets plenty of munitions to fight the Communists.

He said the Soviet Government "has been arming the Chinese Communists from both the enormous amount of equipment it had captured from the Japanese and from new Japanese equipment which it has manufactured in Korea and Siberia."

He said that if the Communists overran China, they would move on to Indo-China, Siam, the Malay Peninsula, and eventually to Japan.

Breach of Promise?

Mr. Bullitt attacked Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, for "breaking the promise of the United States Government" on arms deliveries to China.

He described the United State Government's record in China as "dishonourable and disgraceful".

"A Communist conquest of China would lead rapidly to a Communist victory in Indo-China, which would almost inevitably be followed by the Communist subjugation of Siam and the Malay Peninsula.

"Moreover, if Stalin should drop an iron curtain between the continent of Asia and Japan, it would be impossible for Japan to maintain its economic life except by crawling under the iron curtain and becoming a Soviet satellite," Mr. Bullitt said.

Arms Shipments

He contradicted the evidence given by Mr. Marshall on arms shipments. "The American Government has not delivered to China a single combat plane or a single bomber since General Marshall, in August, 1946, by unilateral action, broke the promise of the United States Government to the Chinese Government, and suspended all deliveries of planes.

"Since the summer of 1946, except for some ammunition left in China by our Navy and Marines, the Chinese Army has not received a single cartridge or a single shell for its American equipment.

"A small amount of ammunition is now on its way to China, thanks to Congress. We have withheld munitions from our friends, while the Soviet Government has been amply arming our enemies.—Reuter.

KARENS' FATE

Rangoon, Mar. 2.

The fate of Burma's Karen community which wants to set up an independent state outside the Burma Union is being discussed in Rangoon by Burmese Cabinet Ministers and Karen representatives from various parts of the country.

A full meeting between the Burmese Ministers and the Karen delegates is expected to be held on Thursday after which the Government's decision will be announced.—Associated Press.

INVENTING RED MENACE?

Washington, Mar. 2.

Diosdado M. Yap, Filipino publisher, in a speech to the Oakland Maryland Rotary Club today asked if it should become necessary for the Republic to invent some threat of Communism in order to goad the United States to fulfil its standing promises to the new Republic.—United Press.

Arab Army Orders

Jerusalem, Mar. 2.

The Arab "Liberation Army" today issued military orders to apply to the area of Nablus, the Moslem stronghold some 50 miles north of Jerusalem, the Arab Higher Committee reported.

The move is designed to curb the wild rush of armed Arab tribesmen and villagers into the nearest battle and to establish discipline and coordination among the Arab fighters.

Officers of the Liberation Army have established military courts. No arms are to be carried by the population without a licence from a security committee. Unauthorised firing is forbidden. Civilians are forbidden to wear the uniform of the "Liberation" forces. All arms must be registered with a military committee and all reinforcements to battle areas must move into action only by permission of and under the supervision of the military committee.—Reuter.

German Council Chairman

Frankfurt, Mar. 2.

The German Bizonal Economic Council here today elected Dr. Hermann Puender—Mayor of Cologne and the Christian Democratic Union candidate — as Chairman of the Executive Council.

The voting was 40 votes for Dr. Puender against eight for Dr. Hermann Dietrich, the Liberal candidate, who was his only rival.

The Social Democrat, Communist and Centre Parties returned blank votes. Dr. Puender thus failed to obtain an absolute majority of the 97 deputies present.

The Social Democrats explained their abstention was an expression of their lack of confidence in the economic policy of both candidates.

The Communists said their blank votes were meant to express "no". The small Left-wing Catholic Centre Party had previously made it clear that they would abstain because they would have preferred an agreed coalition candidate to a straight Party fight.—Reuter.

Divisional Commander Killed

Saigon, Mar. 2.

A French divisional commander was among the "many dead" in a Viet Namese guerilla attack on a French convoy yesterday, the Army said Tuesday.

The commander was Colonel de Sairigne, aged 35, in charge of the 13th Armoured Division.

The French News Agency said that 150 French and Indo-Chinese rebels were killed in the attack on the Saigon Dalat convoy. These included 60 French soldiers.

The French daily "Journal De Saigon" said that 100 were missing and that 62 vehicles were destroyed in the fighting.—Associated Press.

THE LAST

London, Mar. 2.

An authoritative British source said Tuesday that the last $100,000,000 of the United States loan to Britain probably will be drawn "in the next three or four days."—Associated Press.

Red Attempt At "Mob Rule"

Brisbane, Mar. 2.

Premier Edward Hanlon, armed with the most drastic strike-breaking powers even given an Australian Labour Government, today battled what he said was a Communist attempt to establish "mob rule" in Queensland's three-weeks-old railway strike.

Mr. Hanlon charged that "budding Commissars" from Sydney and Melbourne had taken the leadership in the strike attempt to smash compulsory arbitration, which has prevented any serious labour troubles in Queensland since 1927.

"The whole question is whether the law of the land, which is arbitration, shall prevail or whether there will be mob rule," said Mr. Hanlon. "If the law is not upheld, then it means the fruits of victory will go to those who swing the biggest axe."

Partial service on railways was begun yesterday under the Government emergency decree ordering all workers to return or lose their jobs and continued today. There was no violence, but tension was mounting. Thirty detectives and policemen stood by while Fred Paterson, only Communist member of Parliament, led a crowd of strikers past Queensland's biggest railway yards in a thinly-veiled evasion of the Government's non-picketing order.

Many Queensland country towns have received no food shipments for three weeks and other towns along the coast are now shut off from supplies by the sympathy strike of seamen and dockers, which has closed all ports.

However, Premier Hanlon has promised, "Nobody will starve in this land of plenty."—United Press.

Southampton Ship Fire

London, Mar. 2.

The 879-tons steamship Barcarolle, formerly the luxury yacht Sayonara owned first by Grand Duke Ferdinand of Austria and later by Mr. Anthony Drexel, the American millionaire, was severely damaged by fire at Southampton early today.

The fire was believed to have started in the hold.

Her owner, Mr. D. H. Clayton-Wright, said he intended using the vessel to bring American tourists to Britain this summer but as he was unable to obtain a licence, he proposed to use her for trade purposes.—Reuter.

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GOVT. NOT OUT OF THE REAL WOOD

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Amid a welter of so much that is controversial, another excellent bit of constructive legislation should not be overlooked. A new Merchant Shipping Bill has just been published which will enable the Government to ratify the four conventions fixed at the Seattle Conference in 1946 concerning food and catering for crews, and their social security. This title 'Sailors' Charter" will probably be passed first through the House of Lords and will then come into operation on Order to be made by the Minister of Transport.

Shanghai, Mar. 2.

Shanghai's population were officially announced as 5,680,516, showing an increase of [illegible] compared with the December [illegible]. Of this [illegible]

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ENGINEERING PAGE

THE ROMANCE OF STEEL: ITS CREATION OF AN AGE

From a Paper Read To The Kowloon Rotary Club By

P.B. PARK

There is little doubt that this present period of time will go down in history as the "Steel Age". During this present century, yet barely half way through we have witnessed a truly amazing array of engineering achievements. Outstanding amongst these are the motor-car, motor-boat and aeroplane, each with its ever-increasing performance of reliability, endurance, speed and yet more speed, whilst at the same time civilization is still marvelling at the apparently limitless range and possibilities of radio-telegraphy radio-telepathy and television.

Equally spectacular, though perhaps not equally beneficial, has been the progress made in the development of numerous engines of war, such as the mine, torpedo, tank, field gun, anti-aircraft gun and now the guided missile.

But how generally is it known or appreciated that not one of these engineering achievements could have been possible except for the progress made in the technique of steel manufacture, particularly with regard to the discovery and development of numerous special-purpose steels.

The art if smelting Iron Ore is one of great antiquity and we know that it was originally practised by the Egyptians and Indians over 2000 years ago. The methods and equipment employed then were naturally, in the light of modern progress, extremely crude, and even up to less than 200 years ago, the product resulting from such crude smelting operations was in many ways very unsatisfactory and unreliable. This was mainly because with the furnaces and fuels then available sufficient heat could not be maintained to keep the furnace charges liquid or molten, and the final product had to be withdrawn from the furnace in a pasty semi-solid mass which naturally contained much slag and non-metallic impurities. This product was consequently called Wrought Iron, because being insufficiently fluid to pour or "cast" into moulds, the pasty mass had to be hammered or "wrought" into bars. This then was the standard material which had to suffice for the needs of the mediaeval and middle ages, the material of which were made the coats of mail and armour of the Knights of old, the swords of the Crusaders and the iron bands of the village blacksmiths.

Huntsman

This, briefly, was the state of affairs until about the end of the 18th century, and it was due to the ingenuity and preseverance of an obscure craftsman, that a vastly superior material was eventually produced about the year 1770. This genius was a man named Huntsman, and his business was making clocks in the small town of Doncaster in South Yorkshire. Huntsman found that this Wrought Iron, which he was importing from Sweden—at that time the best procurable—made very unsatisfactory clock springs, because it had not sufficient springiness. He thought that if he could melt it up, he could perhaps add something which would harden it and thus made it springy. With great ingenuity he secretly fashioned small clay pots or crucibles, charged them with some of the Swedish Wrought Iron, and by burying them in charcoal and possibly coke made incandescent with an improvised air-blast, he succeeded in rendering the contents molten. During this operation some of the charcoal or coke, which is nearly pure Carbon, got blown into the pots, and he found, much to his amazement, that when his molten metal had been poured out or "cast" and solidified, that he had at last a hard and springy material. He had in fact produced what today would be called a spring steel, and he thenceforward achieved a considerable reputation with his clocks. His success gave rise to a great deal of jealousy and speculation, and the story goes which I am afraid is authentic that certain Sheffield men determined to obtain his secret at all costs.

Secret Stolen

One of their number, happily history does not record his name, disguised as a beggar, loitered outside Huntsman's little factory on a particularly bleak wintry night, and begged to be allowed inside for warmth and shelter. Huntsman, who must have been a kind hearted man, permitted the pseudo-beggar to enter and sleep by his melting furnace. However, the beggar slept with one eye open, saw everything that transpired and left next morning for Sheffield with the secret in his possession.

From that time onwards small melting shops appeared like mushrooms all around Sheffield, and Sheffield soon became world-famous for its Crucible Steel, which was the name given to this new material. The fact that geologically South Yorkshire consists largely of a siliceous rock, locally known as Millstone Grit, which made, and still makes, an excellent refractory medium for making the crucibles, is really the reason why Shefficld became the earliest, and subsequently, the most famous steel-making centre of the world.

It was at one time presumed that the Sheffield water possessed some secret virtues which hardened the new steel as it was quenched, and several instances are recorded of barrels of water from the River Sheaf being shipped to America, but this supposition has long been proved a fallacy. This Crucible Process, the original method of producing liquid steel, remained the only method for nearly 100 years, and from this Crucible Cast Steel the finest tools of every description were made, and England, particularly Sheffield, achieved a lasting world-wide reputation in consequence. Unfortunately this process had one serious limitation, which was that owing to the size of the crucibles only small quantities of liquid steel—between 80 and 100 lbs—could be produced at one melt.

Bessemer

It was left to an engineer named Henry Bessemer to find a way out of this difficulty. About the year 1856 Bessemer startled the steel world by announcing that he could not only convert liquid pig-iron into steel, but that he could do it without using fuel of any description! This sounded more impossible then than perhaps it does to you now, but Bessemer was right, because he had found out that when air was blown through molten pig-iron, all the impurities were oxidised or "burnt" out, and that sufficient heat was evolved as a result of these reactions to keep the resultant steel in a perfectly fluid condition. This completely revolutionised the steel industry and in a few years large Bessemer Converters—up to 30 tons capacity—were operating successfully at his works in Sheffield. This, of course, enabled large castings and forgings to be made and for a while Bessemer Steel filled a much needed want and achieved great popularity. However, it was gradually discovered that although a great deal, in fact the majority, of Bessemer Steel was very satisfactory, occasionally some of it exhibited very poor physical qualities. This was eventually found to be due to the presence of dissolved iron oxide, which was the direct result of over-oxidisation caused by "over-blowing" the steel. As at this time this danger could only be controlled by visual means (nowadays a "spectroscopic eye" can be utilised), Bessemer Steel began to be regarded with considerable suspicion.

Open Hearth

These circumstances gave a considerable fillip to the experiments of two other engineers who were working on the production of liquid steel in bulk on entirely different lines. These gentlemen, after many costly reverses, were eventually successful as a result of which the well-known Siemens-Martin Process (named after the co-inventors), and perhaps still better known as the Open Hearth Process, made its appearance about 1868. This process rapidly became the standard method of producing steel in large quantities and today furnaces of 50 to 100 tons capacity are found in most steel works, and probably 80% of the world's output of steel is today produced by this method. Open Hearth Furnaces are gas fired and for economical and to a certain extent, technical reasons must be operated continuously. This proviso again led to the development in the early part of the present century of yet another method of making liquid steel, namely the Electric Furnace Process, the chief advantage of which was that furnaces of this type could be started up and shut down at any time. In this process the charges are, of course, melted by electricity and the furnaces are smaller, usually from 5 to 10 tons capacity, chiefly owing to difficulties in the construction of the furnace roofs which have to be pierced for the admission of the electrodes. By virtue of its flexibility of operation the Electric Furnace Process is the ideal one for the intermittent production of steel, and consequently it is much used in steel foundries, and as some of you probably know, we have a battery of four such electric furnaces in our steel foundary at Kowloon Docks.

By varying the composition of the furnace charge whilst it is still molten, many different kinds of steel can be produced. This is the art of steel-making and the scope seems to be unlimited since new steels are being produced almost every year. There are now very many different kinds of Ordinary or Plain Carbon Steels, each of which is designed to suit some special purpose. By adding varying percentages of other elements, such as Nickel, Chromium, Tungsten, Vanadium, and Molybdenum—to mention but a few—Special or Alloy Steels are produced, some of which possess very unusual and valuable characteristics.

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New Building Material

Details have now been published of a revolutionary new building material developed in Britain.

Known as "Pyroc" it is made from lime, cement and vermiculite (a mica obtained in South Africa) and has the outstanding asset that it can be sprayed. This means, in effect, the start of mechanical plastering.

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"Pyroc" has been approved by the National Physical Laboratory of Great Britain and is now undergoing tests at the Government's Building Research Station. Although nothing definite can yet be said on commercial production it is hoped that mass supplies may be available within six to 12 months.

Colour In Hospital

Hospital rooms with interchangeable wall coverings are giving colour relief to bed-ridden patients at the veterans hospital in Oakland, California.

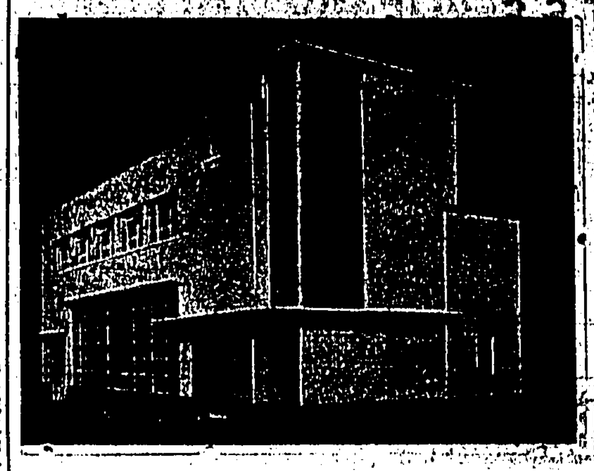
Soothing combinations of soft green, blue, peach and "sunny" yellow have replaced the deadly monotony of white walls for the veterans.

The hospital staff fitted out a 23-room ward with chintz drapes made to be easily movable from one room to another. The cornice boards were painted blending colours to harmonize with the various drape colour.

So now the veteran in his bed can see a "new" room every week, instead of having the same old solid white walls to stare at.

Upholstered easy chairs were chosen for each room, giving "an air of casual comfort" instead of the cold formality usually found in hospitals.

The colour therapy programme was financed by contributions from American Legion posts, Ladies of the Moose and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans.—United Press.



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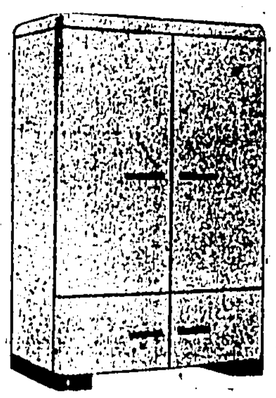

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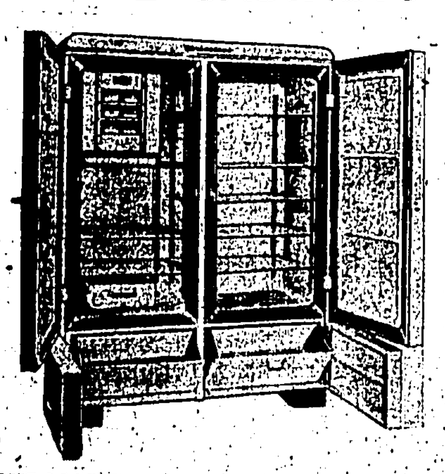

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PURGE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA
Action Committees Busy On Opposition

Pact With Russia Attacked

London, Mar. 2.

The terms of the Anglo-Russian trade agreement were attacked by Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, who was President of the Board of Trade in the Churchill Government, in the House of Commons today.

He complained the Government had bought 750,000 tons of coarse grain with manufactured goods which he described as about the hardest currency Britain had in the whole sterling area.

One of the results of bulk buying by the Government was the introduction of extraneous matters into the Anglo-Russian deal, he said.

It was perhaps politically desirable to a certain section of Labour that such a deal with the Soviet Government should be made, but such things were disastrous to the proper conduct of ordinary commerce, he said.

He suspected that the price of the grain had been fixed and the price of the manufactured goods had been left open.—Reuter.

SUEZ PRESIDENT DEAD

Paris, Mar. 2.

The death was announced here today of the Marquis Louis de Vogue, President of the Suez Canal Company. He was 80.

He died in a nursing home a few days after an operation. —Reuter.

Rumours Of Benes Resignation

Prague, March. 2.

President Edward Benes of Czechoslovakia has not resigned yet. Rumours that he had done so were described as "very premature" in official and unofficial quarters here tonight.

Meanwhile, action committees, which have been carrying out a purge of Czechoslovak life, have come to stay.

Confirming this, M. Rudolf Slansky, Secretary-General of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, declared today there was "no room for subversive opposition in the Government or in the National Front."

The action committees would control the reorganisation of the Rightwing parties, M. Slansky said.

This appeared to contradict Dr. Zdenek Fierlinger, the Social Democrat Minister of Industry, who was quoted yesterday for the statement that the action committees would not become a permanent feature of Czechoslovak life.

Addressing a meeting of leading party members in Prague, M. Slansky said that the action committees would be permanent organs of the people and of the popular democracy, according to the Czechoslovak news agency.

The action committees would have the right to approve the composition of the new organs of the Nationalist and People's parties and to intervene in the purge of the Social Democratic Party.

They would also watch the press and propaganda to prevent infiltration by "subversive elements."

"National Front"

A general secretariat of the National Front would be established with permanent committees and regional secretaries. The National Front would have to suppress any political influence of reaction and to unite the people morally, M. Slansky said.

A further task was to increase the vigilance against the cunning methods of reaction, to protect industrial plants, State property, and the peace of the working people.

The Communist Party would be built up and strengthened still further. Next Sunday, a recruiting campaign for the party would start, with the aim of increasing the number of members by 600,000, to reach the target figure of two million.

"The last hope of our defeated reaction," M. Slansky said, "is whispering about a third war. They thus place themselves on the same level with the Germans who similarly think of their revenge. But they will miscalculate as they have miscalculated before the forces of peace were strong enough to foil their war plans." —Reuter.

Widespread Purge

Unofficial estimates said tonight that the number who have lost their jobs or moved to posts of less responsibility in the purge runs into several hundred thousand.

In one factory alone, a Moravian steel plant, it was reliably but unofficially, reported that 1,100 persons have been dismissed because they refused to sign a declaration of loyalty to the new regime.

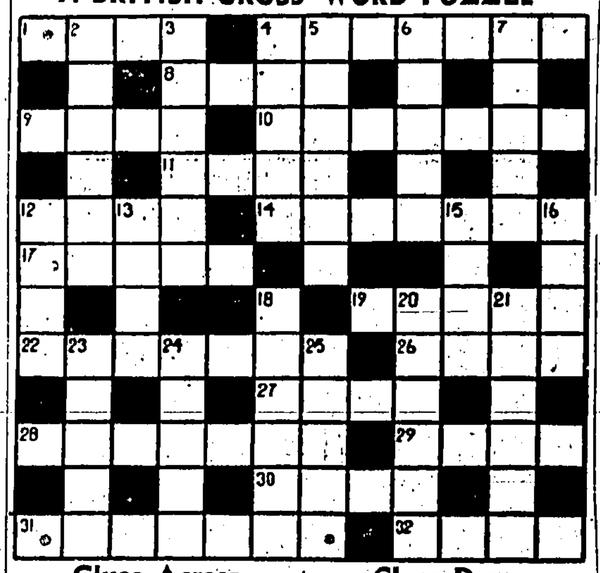
The Czechoslovak civil service and nationalised industries have hitherto been said to be seriously overstaffed.

Broadcasting to action committees again tonight, the Communist Minister of Justice, Dr. Alexey Cepicka, said they need not be afraid to exceed their legal powers as all their decisions. "In the interests of the State", will be sanctioned by law later.

"If you act in the interests of the cause", he said, "you need not fear any unpleasant consequences of your acts."

The Communist Minister of Agriculture, M. Buris, today ordered a purge of all holders of confiscated land. If they were found to be "unreliable" or opposed to the new regime, they should be deprived of it, he said. "But care must be taken not to upset the working of the land", he added.—Reuter

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1 Excuse.
4. Cavil.
8 Stupefy.
9 Fissure.
10 Taking out.
11 Comfort.
12 Soothsayer.
14 Barman.
17 Mischievous trick.
19 Rive.
22 Ecstasy.
26. Border.
27 Pitcher.
28 Famous.
29 Smooth out.
30 Conceal.
31 Applauded.
32 Outhouse.

Clues Down

2 Linger.
3 Behind.
4 Search.
5 False.
6 Foundation.
7 Thrust.
12 Hastened.
13 Nobleman.
15 Related.
16 Ceremony.
18 Defer consideration of.
20 Dangers.
21 Fail to notice.
23 Important period.
24 Foolish.
25 Material.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across:—1 Schism, 5 Sully, 8 Haven, 9 Airman, 10 Vivid, 11 Mates, 12 Tang, 13 Roads, 16 Decent, 18 Unused, 20 Greed, 21 Limp. 23 Egged, 25 Glade, 26 Nature, 27 Loots, 28 Green, 29 Sheets.

Down:—1 Starting, 2 Harangue, 3 Sham, 4 Manages, 5 Severed, 6 Unison, 7 Laird, 14 Attitude, 15 Suppress, 16 Dudgeon, 17 Cements, 19 Needle, 21 Ruler, 24 Dash.

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The Romance Of Steel

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I am afraid there is only time for a very brief account of the varying properties of some of these steels. With regard to the Plain Carbon Steels, their tensile strength and hardness increases in direct ratio with the Carbon content, whilst at the same time their ductility and toughness decreases. Thus all the structural steels such as plates, girders, joists, angles, beams etc. come within the low Carbon or Mild Steel range, having approximately one quarter of one per cent Carbon; axles, springs, rails and tyres in the Medium Carbon range; while chisels, knives, and edge tools generally are in the Hard or High Carbon steel category with approximately one per cent Carbon. Examples of very high Carbon steels, which are naturally very hard and brittle, are razors and files, and these contain up to one and one half per cent Carbon.

Alloy Steels

The alloy steels cannot be treated so summarily. Briefly the presence of Nickel increases the ductility, whilst Chromium in small percentages has a grain-refining and hardening influence. Consequently both these elements are normally present in the High Tensile Steels. Vanadium has a similar influence to that of Chromium and is a feature of high class tool steels. The spectacular properties of High Speed Steel, which can keep its edge even when red hot whilst cutting at great speeds, is due to the presence if 14 to 18% Tungsten. The stain and rust-resisting properties of the Stainless Steels, are due to large percentages of Chromium; usually of the order of 12¼ to 14%, although there are other specifications. All good steels including the Plain Carbon steels contain a certain amount of Manganese, usually about three quarters of one per cent, but if this is increased about 16 times, that is to about 12% together with a high Carbon content of about one per cent, a steel exhibiting remarkable properties is produced. This is known as Manganese Steel, and it has the property of work-hardening, that is the more work or friction put upon it, the harder it becomes. Such a material is naturally ideal for rail and tramway points and crossings, for dredger buckets and teeth and for many other requirements.

SHIP BUILDERS' PETITION

Hamburg, Mar. 2.

The Union of German Shipyard Builders in Hamburg today presented a petition to the British Regional Control asking that any further dismantling of Hamburg shipyards should stop.

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"TREVELYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	15th Apr.
"TRESILLIAN"	Japan	17th Apr.
"TREVELYAN"	Shanghai	29th Apr.
"TREVEAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	15th May.
"TREVEAN"	Shanghai	29th May
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"TRESILLIAN"	Shanghai & Japan	12th Mar.
"TREVELYAN"	Shanghai	17th Apr.
"TRESILLIAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits & Aden	19th Apr.
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"TREVEAN"	Shanghai	17th May
"TREVEAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	31st May
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ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DUE
"SANGOLA"	Calcutta via Strait	9 a.m. 7th Mar.
"SANGOLA"	Amoy	14th Mar.
"SIRDHANA"	Calcutta & Rangoon via Straits	22nd Apr.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"SANGOLA"	Amoy	11th Mar.
"SANGOLA" *	Calcutta via Straits Rangoon & Madras	16th Mar.

* Has Refrigerated Cargo Space.

Eastern Australian
STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED

ARRIVALS

SHIPS	from	Due
"NANKIN"	Australia	Early April

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"NELLORE"	Australia via Manila Sandakan & Labuan	10 a.m. 5th Mar.

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"TJIBADAK"	Macassar & Java ports, 5th March. Sailing for Amoy,	Batavia, Semarang, Sourabaya & Macassar, on or about 28th March.
"VALERINS"	Japan 9th March	Manila, Macassar, Sourabaya, Semarang, Batavia 13th March.

ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

	Due from	Loading for
"RUYS"	In port	Manila, Singapore Batavia, Mauritius, Lourenco Marques, Beira, Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth, Mosselbay, Capetown, Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Santos, Rio de Janeiro, on or about 22nd March.

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"BOISSEVAIN"	South America South Africa early April	South Africa South America end April

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	Due from	Sailing for
"HEINRICH JESSEN"	In port Sailing for Swatow & Amoy	Singapore-Penang Belawan Deli 12th March.
"VAN HEUTSZ"	Belawan, Deli, Penang Singapore 21st March Sailing for Swatow & Amoy.	Singapore, Penang, Belawan, Deli, 31st March

Agents **HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE**

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	Due from	Loading for
"MEERKERK"	Japan & Shanghai, 6th March	Manila/Singapore Colombo/Suez/ Port Said/ Alexandria/ Genoa/Marseilles/ Antwerp/Rotterdam/ Amsterdam/Hamburg/ Copenhagen/ Gothenburg/Oslo 6TH & 7TH MARCH
"GAASTERKERK"	Europe, on or about 5th March	Manila/Singapore/ Colombo/Suez/ Port Said/ Alexandria Genoa/Marseilles/ Antwerp/Rotterdam/ Amsterdam/Hamburg/ Copenhagen/ Gothenburg/Oslo on or about 6th April.
"ALPHACCA"	Europe, on or about 2nd April.	Manila, Singapore, Colombo, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria Genoa, Marseilles, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Copenhagen, Gothenburg, Oslo early May.

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Pacific Coast	Mid March	m.v. "ANDAMAN"
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	Late March	m.v. "BALI"

ARRIVALS

From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	7th March	m.v. "TONGHAI"
	20th March	m.v. "DONA ANICETA"
Pacific Coast	Early April	m.v. "HEMLAND"

SAILINGS

For	Date	Vessel
Manila	9th March	s.s. "ESCALANTE"
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles (San Francisco) & Los Angeles)	25th March.	m.v. "DONA ANICETA"
	2nd April	m.v. "TAMARA"
	Mid April	m.v. "BATAAN"

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S.S. "HAI SIU" Shanghai March 6

FINANCE AND COMMERCE

HOTELS' ANNUAL MEETING

Big Profit From Shanghai Sale

The sale of the Palace Hotel in Shanghai netted a profit of over three and a half million dollars said the Chairman, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, at the annual general meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels Limited at its board room, Exchange Building, yesterday.

Present at the meeting were: The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo (Chairman) Mr. D. C. Davis, Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie, Mr. H. R. Cleland, Mr. F. C. Barry (Directors) and Mr. E. H. P. White (Acting Secretary).

Shareholders present were: Messrs. I. E. Roberts, Wan Tsing-shan, E. G. Smith, Maj. C.W.J. Way, T.H.G. Brayfield, Lo Yuk-tong, C.N. Kong, N.C. McGregor, C.C. Blake, P.A. Waller, E.D. Abraham, J.K. Brand, H.R. Malcolm, H.D. Bennay, A. Hillaly, Ko Sang-wu and D. Black (representing the auditors).

Before proceeding with the business of the Meeting, the chairman made reference to the recent death of Mr. E. M. Raymond who continuously served on the Directorate from 1922 until his departure from the Colony in December last, when indifferent health caused him to resign from the Board.

"To his wife and relatives goes the fullest sympathy of the Company's Shareholders, Directors and Staff in their sad bereavement."

Benefits

The Chairman continued:—

The Balance of Working Account figure on the Profit and Loss Account before you constitutes an approximate increase of $400,000 over the balance for the preceding year and Rent of Shops and Offices also shows a considerable comparative increase. These benefits have been offset to some extent by the heavier charges under the headings Rents, Rates, Taxes and Licences, an expenditure over which the Company has no control, and Depreciation. The balance carried to the credit of the Profit and Loss Appropriation Account of $1,728,770 is by some $250,000 higher than the balance for 1946.

In addition, there is the sum of $3,554,589, profit realised on sale of the Palace Hotel, Shanghai, and together with the balance from 1946 of $105,006, the aggregate sum of $5,388,366 stands at the credit of the Account. Debited thereto is the proportion of the Property Tax applicable to the period under review and $500,000 provision for Corporation Profits Tax over the taxation periods 1947-8 and 1948-9, and also the recommendation of your Board for the appropriation of the available balance, leaving $226,749 to be carried forward to new account.

The Lido

Increases to Fixed Assets during the year were mainly the result of the acquisition of the Repulse Bay "Lido" property and the conversion of part of the Sixth Floor of the Peninsula Hotel into bedrooms. The sale of Assets mentioned in the Balance Sheet refer, of course, to the Palace Hotel.

When reviewing the 1945 Accounts the Chairman of the Company mentioned that Sundry Debtors included, amongst others, a substantial claim against the Military Authorities, the major portion of the claim being in respect of vehicles, etc., purchased by them during the War in Hong Kong. This claim is of course linked with claims which have been made by clients against the Company in respect of the same vehicles. To date, I regret to say, despite the length of time which has passed since presentation of this claim, no settlement of the matter has been obtained and the Sundry Debtors heading still includes the amount involved.

I would submit that, apart from the item Rehabilitation Suspense Account, no particular comment is called for in respect of the other headings appearing thereon.

Rehabilitation

Rehabilitation expenses incurred during the year 1947 amounted to $1,102,055. At the last Meeting of the Company various suggestions were made by Shareholders as to the manner in which this type of expenditure could be treated in the Accounts, ranging from whole or partial capitalisation, to being written off over a number of years, and, as you will recollect, the Chairman promised consideration would be given these suggestions. A further view put forward at the time was that the Company's Fixed Assets should be revalued. These suggestions have received due consideration and expert advice has been obtained thereon, with the result that the relevant expenditure for the year has been placed to a Suspense Account. At some future time when the properties can be subject to valuation in keeping with stable costs and market values, it will be possible if then desirable to revalue the Company's Assets and adjust the expenditure in question and any augmentation thereof, in relation to any accretions arising therefrom, and I trust this method of dealing with the matter will have your general approval.

Business during the year kept at a consistent level and although Restaurant revenue suffered a decline compared to the volume experienced in the latter part of 1946, revenue from bedrooms was more than maintained. Our accommodation facilities remain in increasing demand, a situation which is likely to continue for some time to come.

Subsidiary

With regard to our Subsidiary Company, a note on the Balance Sheet states that steps are being taken to obtain legislative sanction for the conversion of its Capital. When this obtained it will be possible to produce informative Accounts and it is hoped such will be available within a few months.

Provision has been made in the Accounts under review for the payment, already made, of the New Year Bonus to the Company's Chinese Staff and the usual bonus to the Foreign Staff, and I trust you will approve of this.

The Report and Accounts were approved.

Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie was re-elected a director and the appointment of Mr. H. R. Cleland as director was confirmed.

Messrs. Percy Smith and Company were re-elected as auditors for the ensuing year at a renumeration of $10,000.

At the close of the meeting Major C.W.L. Way proposed on behalf of shareholders, a vote of thanks to the Board of Directors for the very able manner in which they had conducted the affairs of the Company. The proposal was seconded by Mr. I. E. Roberts, and unanimously approved.

Money Market

Gold had a hectic session yesterday, with rates fluctuating between $342.50 and $349.50 a tael. The latter was the opening rate. At the close of the market it was $345.75.

Piastres opened at $12.00 and dropped to $11.90 a 100 at the close.

Chinese National Currency futures opened at 16¾ cents and closed at 16 cents for CN$10,000. Spot was unchanged the whole day at 19.1/8 cents.

Ticals were again unchanged at $26.00 a 100, and NEI Guilders were quoted at $39.80 a 100.

U.S. dollars continued their up grade to $5.46½.

Sterling and Australian pounds were unchanged at $12.85 and $12.54 respectively.

H.K. Stock Exchange

Market remains dull and easy with prices still drooping.

H.K. GOVT. LOANS

4% Loan 10Bs.
3½% Loan (1935) 100n.
3½% Loan (1948) 99b, 100sa.

BANKS

H.K. & S. Bank 2060s, 2060sa.
" (Lon. Reg.) £117½n.
Chartered Bank £10 11/10n.
Mercantile Bk. A. & B. £20¾n.
Bank of East Asia 135b.

INSURANCES

Canton Ins. 400b, 405sa.
Union Ins. 735b, 705s, 790sa.
China Underwriters 7¼b, 8s.
H.K. Fire Ins. 325n.

SHIPPING

Douglases 260n.
H.K. & M. Steamboats 15n.
Indo Chinas (Pref) 100n.
Indo Chinas (Def.) 230b.
Shells (Bearer) 75/-
U. Waterboats (Old) 50s.
U. Waterboats (New) 49s.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

H.K. & K. Wharves (Old) 175b, 180s.
" (New) (P. Pd) 170n.
" (New) (F. Pd) 120n.
H.K. Docks 34s.
China Providents 25½s.
S'hai Dockyards 26½b.

MINING

Raub Mines 6½b.
H.K. Mines .03b, .04Sa.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H. & S. Hotels X.D. 20⅛b, 20½sa.
H.K. Lands (Old) 89b, 89½sa.
H.K. Lands (New) 88½b.
S'hai Lands 6½s, 6½sa.
Humphreys Estates 28s.
H.K. Realties 18s.
Chinese Estates 190n.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H.K. Tramways 22½b, 23s, 22½/3/2.55 sa.
Peak Trams (Old) 21¾b.
Peak Trams (New) 9n.
Star Ferries 140b, 138½sa.
Yaumati Ferries 42b, 48½s, 43½sa.
C. Lights (Old) 23¾b, 23¾s, 23½/¾ sa.
C. Lights (New) 19sa.
H.K. Electrics (Old) 58½b, 54½s, 54 sa.
H.K. Electrics (New) 52b.
Macao Electrics 31s.
Sandakan Lights 9b.
Telephones, (Old) 49½s, 49¾/49sa.
Telephones, (New) 48s, 48¾/48sa.
Shanghai Gas 6½n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald. Mach. (Ord.) 20b.
Ceylon Lees 7s.
Cements (Old) 41s.
Cements (New) 37b, 38sa.
H.K. Ropes 23b, 23½s.

STORES &c.

Dairy Farms (X. Rts.) 63b, 64/63½sa.
Dairy Farms Rights 42½s.
Watson (X. Rts.) 54½sa.
Watson Rights 29½s.
Lane, Crawfords 54b.
Sinceres 9.50sa.
China Emporium 11s.
Sun Co., Ltd. 6¾n.
Kwong Sang Hong 200n.
Wing On (H.K.) 16s.
Wm. Powell, Ltd. 11½b.

MISCELLANEOUS

China Entertainments 37n.
H.K. Constructions (Old) 6½n.
H.K. Constructions (New) 6n.
Vibro Piling 11n.
Marsman Investments 18/8n.
Marsman. (H.K.) 1.40b.

COTTONS

Ewos 15b, 14½n, 15½sa.

London Stock Exchange

London, Mar. 2.

After quiet conditions during the earlier part of today's session in the stock markets, with prices ruling generally steady to occasionally firmer, dullness set in and by the close had become fairly widespread in markets that were extremely idle.

The overnight publication of the February gold sale figure of £27,000,000, depressed the gilt-edged market and Consol and Treasury 2½% both lost a quarter at 78-½ and 78-⅞ respectively.

Losses in the industrial section were up to 1/- with Woolworth losing this amount at 78/-. Tobacco shares were sold. British American lost 1/32 at 5-5/16 whilst motors, Standards lost 2/- at 28/9 on rumours of a possible increase in capital by the issue of new shares to existing shareholders.

An early attempt to put oil shares better was unsuccessful and Shells closed 1/32 easier on the day at 5-5/8. The mining sections also shared in the downward movement but differences were comparatively small.

The foreign bond market was quieter with European issues inclined to be harder. Foreign rails were less active but rather weak.

SECURITIES:
British Consols, 2½% .....
(exdiv) 78-½
Conversion Loan, 3½%.. 1961 104-⅞
Funding Loan, 4% 1960/90 113-⅝
War Loan, 3½%, 1952 ..... 103-13/16
War Loan, 3% 104-⅛
Victory Bonds, 4% 114
INDUSTRIALS:
British American Tobacco 5-9/32
Portland Cement 48/6
Imperial Chemicals 48/3
Imperial Tobaccos 5-5/16
MINES:
Union Corporation 275/-
OIL SHARES:
Anglo-Iranian Co. ord 160/-
Burma Oil 48/9
Mexico Eagle 15/6
Royal Dutch 23
Shell Transport 3-⅛
Venezuelan Oil 114/4½
GILTEDGED:
Funding Loan, 4% 102-7/16
National War Bonds, 2½%:
1949/51 ..... 101-½
1952/54 ..... 101-⅝
1954/56 ..... 101-⅝
Savings Bonds, 3%, 1955/65 ... 101-⅛
Savings Bonds, 3%, 1960/70 ... 101-⅛
National War Bonds, 1951/53 101-⅜
Savings Bonds, 3% 1965/75 .. 100-½
Exchequer Bonds, 1¾% 1950 100-27/32
Redemption Stock, 3% 1968/98 97-⅝
FOREIGN BONDS:
Japanese 5%, 1907/47 32
Japanese 6%, 1924/59 32
BANKS:
Chartered Bank of I. A. & C. 10-11/16
Hongkong & Shanghai 117-½
Mercantile Bank 20-⅜

Notice To Consignees

S.S. "TITAN"

Damaged cargo ex the above vessel will be surveyed at Holt's Wharf, between the hours 10 a.m. and 12 noon on 5th and 6th March, 1948, and consignees' representatives are requested to be present during the survey.

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1948.

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"SHENGKING"	Shanghai	4 p.m. 7th Mar. *
"FUKIEN"	Nagoya	4 p.m. 9th Mar. *
"POYANG"	Yokohama & Kobe	4 p.m. 10th Mar.
"SINKIANG"	Shanghai	4 p.m. 10th Mar. *
"HANYANG"	Amoy, Foochow, Shanghai, Tientsin	5 p.m. 13th Mar. *
"KWEIYANG"	Amoy, Swatow, Saigon, S'pore & Penang	10 a.m. 16th Mar. *
"NEWCHWANG"	Inchon & Pusan	4 p.m. 16th Mar.
"SINKIANG"	Singapore, Macassar, Sourabaya, Semarang, Cheribon Batavia & Banka	10 a.m. 25th Mar.
"SOOCHOW"	Inchon & Pusan	Last week in Mar.

* Sails from Custodian Wharf

ARRIVALS FROM

"SHENGKING"	Shanghai	7 a.m. 5th Mar.
"HUNAN"	Tientsin & Foochow	5th Mar.
"POYANG"	Java & Straits	7th Mar.
"SINKIANG"	Pusan	7th Mar.
"NANCHANG"	Bangkok	9th Mar *
"KWEIYANG"	Bangkok, Saigon & Swatow	10th Mar.

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"ELPENOR"	U.K. via Straits	7th March
"TENG 1304"	U.K. viaStraits	14th March
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Sailings to

"ELPENOR"	Genoa, Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool and Glasgow via Port Said	3rd week March
"TITAN"	Liverpool via Port Said	4th week March

NEW YORK SERVICE

Arrivals from

"AJAX"	U.S.A. via Manila	2nd week March
"ACHILLES"	U.S.A. via Manila	1st Week April.

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Arrivals from

"YUNNAN"	Australia via Manila	3rd week March

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Mar. 6, Philippine Airlines, 12 noon

Mar. 6, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

Shanghai

Daily, CNAC, 10.45 a.m.
Mar. 5, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.
Mar. 7, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.

Canton

H.K. Airways, thrice daily: 11 a.m., 1.30 p.m. & 5.30 p.m.

San Francisco (Via Honolulu, Wake Guam, Manila)

Mar. 6, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

San Francisco (Via Honolulu, Wake Guam, Okinawa, Shanghai)

Mar. 4, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.
Mar. 11, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.

Singapore

Mar. 6, BOAC (Capt. Scadding) 4 p.m.

Singapore via Bangkok

Mar. 7, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.
Mar. 10, Cathy Pacific, 2 p.m.

Saigon

Mar. 5, Air France 2 p.m.

Departures To:

Singapore

Mar. 5, BOAC (Capt. Scadding) 7.30 a.m.

Manila

Mar. 4, Pan-American, 8 a.m.
Mar. 4, Cathay Pacific, 2.30 p.m.

Saigon

Mar. 6, Air France 7.30 a.m.

Shanghai

Daily, CNAC, 11.45 a.m.
Mar. 4, H.K. Airways, 10 a.m.
Mar. 6, H.K. Airways, 10 a.m.

Canton

H.K. Airways, thrice daily: 9 a.m., 11.30 a.m. & 3.30 p.m.

San Francisco (Via Honolulu, Guam, Wake & Manila)

Mar. 4, Pan-American, 8 a.m.
Mar. 8, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

San Francisco. (Via Shanghai, Okinawa, Guam, Wake & Honolulu)

Mar. 5, Pan-American, 10 a.m.
Mar. 12, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

POST OFFICE

MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the Ordinary Mail. If Mail close before 10.00 a.m., Registered and Parcels will close at 5.00 p.m. on previous day.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

Closing Times By Air

Airmail for Swatow, Tsinan and Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland), (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsinstao and Peiping, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Canton, Swatow, Amoy and Foochow: Airmail for Kweilin, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train

Canton, 7 a.m.
Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki, 8 a.m.
Shanghai, 10 a.m.
Sandakan, 10 a.m.
Saigon, 10 a.m.
Amoy, 10 a.m.
Swatow, 11 a.m.
Swatow, 2 p.m.
Straits, 2 p.m.
Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki, 2 p.m.
Canton, 2 p.m.
Manila, Sandakan, Labaul, Australia and New Zealand via Sydney, (Parcels and Reg.) 2.30 p.m., (Ord.) 3 p.m.
Shanghai, 3 p.m.
Japan (Ord. letters and cards only), 3 p.m.
Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki, 4 p.m.
Kongmoon, 5 p.m.
Canton, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

Closing Times By Air

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrein, Cairo (Nairobi, Johannesburg and Marseilles via Cairo), Augusta and London, Kowloon C.P.O., (Reg.) 2.30 p.m., (Ord.) 3 p.m.; G.P.O., (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Saigon and Paris, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Hoihow, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Hankow, Tsingtao and Peiping: Airmail for Canton and Chungking: Airmail for Foochow, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train

Canton, 7 a.m.
Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki, 8 a.m.
Haiphong, 10 a.m.
Colombo, East and South Africa and Bombay, 10 a.m.
Swatow and Saigon, 1 p.m.
Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki, 2 p.m.
Canton, 2 p.m.
Straits and Batavia, 2 p.m.
Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki, 5 p.m.
Canton, 5 p.m.
Kongmoon, 5 p.m.

SILVER & GOLD MARKETS

London.—Silver: Spot fine ounce 45d. Forward 45d.

Bar Gold, per fine ounce 172/1.

New York.—Silver, Bar, (Asked price) 74.75c.

Bar Gold, per fine ounce (Selling) 35s.

Bombay.—Silver: Ready per 100 tolas Rs. 116 (nominal); (Asked) Rs. 116 (nominal). Gold: Ready per 10 tolas Rs. 216 (nominal); (Asked) Rs. 216 (nominal).

ARRIVALS YESTERDAY

City of Khartoum (Bank Line) from Europe A2
Escalante (De La Rama) ..... Taikoo Dk.
Hai Yang (Douglas) from Swatow ..... Co.'s Whf.
Hung Yung (Dodwell) 1,879 tons from Singapore (P.S. Bilttet) ..... K. Bay
River Nerada (Jardine) 2,182 tons from Kure (Capt. A.G. Peterson) A3
Studding Sail (Everett) 2,122 tons from Sandakan (Capt. M.D. Smith) ..... DH
Tsinan (D. & S.) 2,160 tons from Swatow (Capt. J.C. Smart) ..... Cust. Whf.

DEPARTURES YESTERDAY

Heilkon ..... Saigon
Miwatsee ..... Hollo
Negara ..... Manila
Palembang ..... Palembang
Sanchac ..... Palembang
Stirlingville ..... Manila
Tamerlane ..... Hollo
Talkinshan ..... Hoihow

ARRIVALS TODAY

Bougainville (Bank Line) from Pacific Coast A1
Furman Victory (A.P.L.) from San Francisco ..... K. Whf.
Tak Sang (Jardine) from Yokohama 119

DEPARTURES TODAY

Hansang ..... Sandakan
Pioneer Valley ..... Persian Gulf
Prosper ..... Amoy
River Norman ..... Sydney
Titan ..... Shanghai
Tsinan ..... Swatow

VESSELS IN PORT

Aldegonda (D. & S.) ..... Taikoo Dk.
Alpharat (J.C.P.L.) ..... Taikoo Dk.
Amaranthus (Wheelock) ..... S.S. P/
An Hui (D. & S.) ..... Cust. Whf.
Andre Labee (M.M.) ..... K. Whf.
Annlock (Wallem) ..... S.S. P/
American Merchant (U.S.L.) ..... K. Whf.
Benrinnes (Loxley) ..... K. Whf.
Bushwood ..... Kln. Bay
Carmen Moller (Moller's) ..... s/c
Castledore (B.I.) A2
Catherine (S.E. Asia) ..... Yaumati
City of Khartoum (Bank Line) A2
Coastal Champion (Everett) 116
Eastern Saga (Jardine) ..... K. Dk.
Empire Marple (Jardine's) ..... Yaumati
Empire Tern (Williamson) ..... Yaumati
Emp. Wye (Jardine's) ..... Kln. Dk.
Escalante (De La Rama) ..... Taikoo Dk.
Fu Kwang (A.P.C.) ..... Post Office
Fukien (B. & S.) ..... B Buoy
Hai Chiao (C. Mer.) ..... S.C.
Hai Sien (C.M.S.N.) A4
Hai Lee (Thoresen) B3
Hai Nan (C.M.S.N.) ..... L.C.K.
Hai Sui (C.M.S.N.) A4
Hai Tan (Douglas) ..... Co.'s Whf.
Hai Yang (Douglas) ..... Co.'s Whf.
Hai Tien (C.M.S.N.) A8
Haida (Wo Fat Shing) ..... S.S. Po
Han Yang (B. & S.) B9
Hang Sang (Jardine's) ..... K. Dk.
Heinrich Jessen (J.C.P.L.) B4
Huang Hsing (C. Mer.) ..... S.C.
Hung Yung (Dodwell) ..... K. Bay
King David (Dodwell) ..... H.E. Whf.
Lady Wolmer (Wheelock) ..... Y.M.T.
Larkslock (Wallem) ..... Yaumati
Marylock (Wallem) ..... Yaumati
Memnon (B. & S.) ..... Holt's Whf.
Nellore (M.M. Co.) A2
Ninghai (B. & S.) ..... B3.
Panamanian (Wallem) ..... S. Cutters
Perflock (Wallem) ..... Yaumati
River Norman (Jardine) A5
Ruys (J.C.P.L.) ..... Taikoo Dk.
Shantung (B. & S.) ..... Ymt.
Solarium (B. & S.) ..... Taikoo Dk.
Staghound (U.S.L.) ..... K. Whf.
Studding Sail (Everett) B21
Tai Hing (Fook Kee) from Swatow, Ymt.
Tai Ping (China Pacific) ..... S.C.
Taishan Peak ..... S.S. Po
Tatung (B. & S.) ..... S.C.
Tjisadane (J.C.P.L.) A3
Tsinan (B. & S.) ..... Cust. Whf.
Turkshead (Everett) ..... Kln. Dk.
Unita (K. Larsten) ..... K. Dk.
Whangpu (B. & S.) ..... S. Cutters
William Nott (Everett) ..... B4.
Wu Chang (B. & S.) ..... S. Cutters

VESSELS DUE—FROM

ATLANTIC PORTS

Mar.
Early. Lasalle ..... (Wallem)
7 Tonghai ..... (De La Rama)
12 Hendonhall ..... (J.C.P.L.)
10 Conser ..... (A.P.L.)
Mid. Ajax ..... (B. & S.)
20 American Merchant ..... (A.P.L.)
20 Dona Aniceta ..... (De La Rama)
18 Steel Architect ..... (Gilman)
Apr.
Early. Cape Junction ..... (Gilman)

AUSTRALIA

Mar.
16 Kafiristan ..... (Jardine)
Late. Yunnan ..... (B. & S.)
Apr.
Early. Nanking ..... (P. & O.)

CALCUTTA

Mar.
7 Sangola ..... (P. & O.)
14 E-Sang ..... (Jardine)
22 Kutsang ..... (Jardine)

CANADA

Mar.
10 Oregon Mail ..... (A.M.L.)
15 Lake Pennask ..... (Jardine)
30 China Mail ..... (A.M.L.)
Apr.
Winnipeg ..... (Jardine)

EUROPE

Early Mar.
Hoochow ..... (B. & S.)
Mar.
Early. Tyneha ..... (Gilman)
6 Gansterkerk ..... (J.C.P.L.)
16 Maasdam ..... (J.C.P.L.)
Tsinsha ..... (Gilman)
Mid. Ajax ..... (B. & S.)
Apr.
Early. Korea ..... (Blue Asiatic)
Early. Java ..... (Blue Asiatic)
6 Kamboelie ..... (Blue Asiatic)
10 Selaya ..... (Gilman)
May
Early. Holland ..... (Gilman)

JAPAN

Mar.
7 Poyang ..... (B. & S.)
9 Waltina ..... (J.C.P.L.)
14 Castledore ..... (B.I.)
Apr.
17 Tyneliff ..... (P. & O.)

JAVA

Mar.
4 Poyang ..... (B. & S.)
21 Van Heutsz ..... (J.C.P.L.)

KOBE

Mar.
Early. Glenogle ..... (Jardine)

MANILA

Mar.
7 Carrick Bend ..... (Everett)
12 China Transport ..... (Jardine)
20 Tsinan ..... (Jardine)
Apr.
15 Loch Tay ..... (Jardine)
Boulder Range ..... (Jardine)

NEW YORK

Mar.
Early. Chaucer ..... (Wallem)
Mid. Tsinsha ..... (Gilman)
Mid. Tsinan ..... (Gilman)
Late. Yunnan ..... (B. & S.)

PACIFIC COAST

Mar.
Early. Lasalle ..... (Wallem)
7 Tonghai ..... (De La Rama)
12 Hendonhall ..... (J.C.P.L.)
10 Conser ..... (A.P.L.)
Mid. Ajax ..... (B. & S.)
20 American Merchant ..... (A.P.L.)
20 Dona Aniceta ..... (De La Rama)
18 Steel Architect ..... (Gilman)
Apr.
Early. Cape Junction ..... (Gilman)

AUSTRALIA

Mar.
16 Kafiristan ..... (Jardine)
Late. Yunnan ..... (B. & S.)
Apr.
Early. Nanking ..... (P. & O.)

CALCUTTA

Mar.
7 Sangola ..... (P. & O.)
14 E-Sang ..... (Jardine)
22 Kutsang ..... (Jardine)

CANADA

Mar.
10 Oregon Mail ..... (A.M.L.)
15 Lake Pennask ..... (Jardine)
30 China Mail ..... (A.M.L.)
Apr.
Winnipeg ..... (Jardine)

EUROPE

Early Mar.
Hoochow ..... (B. & S.)
Mar.
Early. Tyneha ..... (Gilman)
6 Gansterkerk ..... (J.C.P.L.)
16 Maasdam ..... (J.C.P.L.)
Tsinsha ..... (Gilman)
Mid. Ajax ..... (B. & S.)
Apr.
Early. Korea ..... (Blue Asiatic)
Early. Java ..... (Blue Asiatic)
6 Kamboelie ..... (Blue Asiatic)
10 Selaya ..... (Gilman)
May
Early. Holland ..... (Gilman)

JAPAN

Mar.
7 Poyang ..... (B. & S.)
9 Waltina ..... (J.C.P.L.)
14 Castledore ..... (B.I.)
Apr.
17 Tyneliff ..... (P. & O.)

JAVA

Mar.
4 Poyang ..... (B. & S.)
21 Van Heutsz ..... (J.C.P.L.)

KOBE

Mar.
Early. Glenogle ..... (Jardine)

MANILA

Mar.
7 Carrick Bend ..... (Everett)
12 China Transport ..... (Jardine)
20 Tsinan ..... (Jardine)
Apr.
15 Loch Tay ..... (Jardine)
Boulder Range ..... (Jardine)

NEW YORK

Mar.
Early. Chaucer ..... (Wallem)
Mid. Tsinsha ..... (Gilman)
Mid. Tsinan ..... (Gilman)
Late. Yunnan ..... (B. & S.)
25 Crete Maersk ..... (Jebsen)
30 Sally Maersk ..... (Jebsen)
Late. Ajax ..... (B. & S.)

PACIFIC COAST

Mar.
Early. Tonghai ..... (De La Rama)
12 China Transport ..... (Jardine)
18 Steel Architect ..... (Gilman)
Apr.
Early. Cape Junction ..... (Gilman)
Early. Hensland ..... (De La Rama)
Mar. Early Manchuria ..... (East Asiatic)

SAN FRANCISCO

Mar.
6 Marine Leopard ..... (A.P.L.)
6 Surprise ..... (U.S.L.)
17 Pacific Bear ..... (U.S.L.)
18 Lightning ..... (U.S.L.)
18 Philippine Transport ..... (Jardine)
18 Skidmore Victory ..... (A.P.L.)
23 Capital Victory ..... (Jardine)
25 Pacific Transport ..... (Jardine)
30 Luxemburg Victory ..... (U.S.L.)
30 Rutland Victory ..... (A.P.L.)
Apr.
2 Willis Victory ..... (A.P.L.)
English Prince ..... (Jardine)
16 New Zealand Victory ..... (Jardine)
18 Louis McH. Howe ..... (A.P.L.)
25 Pres. Monroe ..... (A.P.L.)
May
1 Scott E. Land ..... (A.P.L.)
8 Marine Sharpter ..... (A.P.L.)

SANDAKAN

Mar.
11 Mau Sang ..... (Jardine)
23 Hang Sang ..... (Jardine)

SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN

Mar.
7 Wing Sang ..... (Jardine)
Early. Glenapp ..... (Jardine)
11 Trevalyor ..... (P. & O.)
17 Sangola ..... (P.I.)
18 Capital Victory ..... (Jardine)
24 Tresillian ..... (P. & O.)
27 Philippine Transport ..... (Jardine)
Apr.
6 Bougainville ..... (Bank Line)

SIAM

Mar.
9 Nanchang ..... (B. & S.)
10 Kweiyang ..... (B. & S.)

SINGAPORE

Mar.
5 Poyang ..... (B. & S.)
6 Wo Sang ..... (Jardine)
14 Coastal Champion ..... (Everett)
16 Van Heutsz ..... (J.C.P.L.)
Late. Glenatrae ..... (Jardine)
Apr.
Mid. Glengarry ..... (Jardine)
Late. Breconshire ..... (Jardine)

UNITED KINGDOM

Feb.
16 Benvrolich ..... (Ben Line)
Mar.
7 Elpenor ..... (B. & S.)
5 Dilwara ..... (P. & O.)
6 Trevalyor ..... (P. & O.)
8 Tresillian ..... (P. & O.)
Late. Benlawers ..... (Ben Line)
Late. Glenatrae ..... (Jardine)
Apr.
15 Trevelyan ..... (P. & O.)
Mid. Glengarry ..... (Jardine)
Late. Breconshire ..... (Jardine)
May
15 Treveza ..... (P. & O.)
June
15 (Trevose ..... (P. & O.)

VANCOUVER

Mar.
10 Lake Pennask ..... (Jardine)

YOKOHAMA

Mar.
Early. Flying Enterprise ..... (Pattison)
18 Capital Victory ..... (Jardine)
27 Philippine Transport ..... (Jardine)
Apr.
4 New Zealand Victory ..... (Jardine)

SAILINGS — TO

AFRICA

Mar.
14 Ruys ..... (J.C.P.L.)

AMOY & SWATOW

Mar.
5 Szechuen ..... (B. & S.)
18 Hanyang ..... (B. & S.)
10 Kweiyang ..... (B. & S.)

ATLANTIC PORTS

Mar.
15 Tonghai ..... (De La Rama)
25 Dona Aniceta ..... (De La Rama)

AUSTRALIA

Mar.
5 Nellore ..... (E. & A.)

BOMBAY

Mar.
15 Castledore ..... (B.I.)

CALCUTTA

Mar.
7 Eastern Saga ..... (Jardine)
Mid. Lake Pennask ..... (Jardine)
15 Chak Sang ..... (Jardine)
29 Sangola ..... (B.I.)

CANADA

Apr.
6 Bougainville ..... (Bank Line)
6 Lake Winnipeg ..... (Jardine)

EUROPE

Mar.
Early. Elpenor ..... (B. & S.)
Early. Meerkerk ..... (J.C.P.L.)
7 Glengarry ..... (Jardine)
8 City of Khartoum ..... (Bank Line)
8 Tourhist ..... (Gilman)
18 Mongolia ..... (East Asiatic)
Late. Tripoli ..... (E. & A.)
Apr.
7 Kamboelie ..... (East Asiatic)
Early. Benlawers ..... (Ben Line)
Early. Geerkerk ..... (J.C.P.L.)

JAPAN

Mar.
7 Dilwara ..... (P. & O.)
8 Fukien ..... (B. & S.)
13 Wo Sang ..... (Jardine)

JAVA

Mar.
6 Tjisadane ..... (J.C.P.L.)
11 Fukien ..... (B. & S.)
13 Heinrich Jessen ..... (J.C.P.L.)
19 Valentine ..... (J.C.P.L.)
21 Van Heutsz ..... (J.C.P.L.)

KOBE

Mar.
6 Fuyuno ..... (B. & S.)
17 Eastern ..... (Jardine)

PUSAN

Mar.
7 Dilwara ..... (P. & O.)
8 Wo Sang ..... (Jardine)
10 Newchwang ..... (B. & S.)
Late Mar.
Soochow ..... (B. & S.)

LOS ANGELES

Mar.
Early. Tonghai ..... (De La Rama)
12 China Transport ..... (Jardine)
18 Capitol Victory ..... (Jardine)
20 Pacific Transport ..... (Jardine)
27 Philippine Bear ..... (Jardine)
Apr.
6 Bougainville ..... (Bank Line)

MANILA

Mar.
Early. Tonghai ..... (De La Rama)
12 China Transport ..... (Jardine)
18 Capitol Victory ..... (Jardine)
20 Pacific Transport ..... (Jardine)
27 Philippine Bear ..... (Jardine)
Apr.
6 Bougainville ..... (Bank Line)

NEW YORK

Mar.
5 Furman Victory ..... (A.P.L.)
12 Marine Leopard ..... (A.P.L.)
18 Trian Maersk ..... (Jebsen)
21 American Merchant ..... (U.S.L.)
Apr.
22 Crete Maersk ..... (Jebsen)
30 Sally Maersk ..... (Jebsen)
May
14 Crete Maersk ..... (Jebsen)
June
3 Laura Maersk ..... (Jebsen)

SAN FRANCISCO

Mar.
5 General Gordon ..... (A.P.L.)
7 Surprise ..... (U.S.L.)
8 Pres. Pierce ..... (A.P.L.)
11 Sangola ..... (B.I.)
12 China Transport ..... (Jardine)
18 Pres. Cleveland ..... (A.P.L.)
25 Baltimore Victory ..... (A.P.L.)
Apr.
1 Pres. Fillmore ..... (A.P.L.)
1 Rutland Victory ..... (A.P.L.)
3 General Meigs ..... (A.P.L.)
4 Willis Victory ..... (A.P.L.)
6 Bougainville ..... (Bank Line)
7 Pres. Madison ..... (A.P.L.)
17 Louis McH. Howe ..... (A.P.L.)
24 General Gordon ..... (A.P.L.)
26 Pres. Monroe ..... (A.P.L.)
May
8 Scott E. Land ..... (A.P.L.)
8 Marine Skipper ..... (A.P.L.)

SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN

Mar.
4 Hai Sin ..... (C.M.S.N.)
7 Shengking ..... (B. & S.)
8 Wing Sang ..... (Jardine)
10 Sinkiang ..... (B. & S.)
11 Sangola ..... (B.I.)
12 China Transport ..... (Jardine)
13 Tresillian ..... (P. & O.)
14 E-Sang ..... (Jardine)
16 Coastal Champion ..... (Everett)
Mid. Kafiristan ..... (Jardine)
20 Pacific Transport ..... (Jardine)
24 Pres. McKinley ..... (A.P.L.)
Late. Glenatrae ..... (Jardine)
Late. Lake Winnipeg ..... (Jardine)
Apr.
17 Trevelyan ..... (P. & O.)
May
17 Treveza ..... (P. & O.)
June
17 Trevose ..... (P. & O.)

SIAM PORTS

Mar.
6 Tak Sang ..... (Jardine)

SINGAPORE

Mar.
Early. Glenapp ..... (Jardine)
Early. Meerkerk ..... (J.C.P.L.)
5 Bougainville ..... (Bank Line)
6 Coastal Champion ..... (Everett)
8 Eastern Saga ..... (Jardine)
8 Furman Victory ..... (A.P.L.)
8 Hai Yu ..... (C.M.S.N.)
8 Tak Sang ..... (Jardine)
8 Hong Siang ..... (Ho Hong Co.)
8 Marine Leopard ..... (A.P.L.)
10 Carrick Bend) ..... (Everett)
10 Fukien ..... (B. & S.)
12 Heinrich Jessen ..... (J.C.P.L.)
15 Castledore ..... (B.I.)
15 Chak Sang ..... (Jardine)
25 Sinkiang ..... (B. & S.)
26 Van Heutsz ..... (J.C.P.L.)
Late. Memnon ..... (Jardine)

SOUTH AMERICA

Mar.
24 Ruys ..... (J.C.P.L.)

UNITED KINGDOM

Mar.
5 City of Khartoum ..... (Bank Line)
Early. Glenapp ..... (Jardine)
11 Trevaylor ..... (P. & O.)
Mid-Mar.
Mid. Benvorlich ..... (Ben Line)
Mid. Elpenor ..... (B. & S.)
18 Trevaylor ..... (P. & O.)
Late. Memnon ..... (Jardine)
Late. Tien ..... (B. & S.)
Apr.
8 Tresillian ..... (P. & O.)
May
5 Trevelyan ..... (P. & O.)
31 Treveza ..... (P. & O.)

YOKOHAMA

May
10 Poyang ..... (B. & S.)
10 Pres. Pierce ..... (A.P.L.)
25 China Transport ..... (Jardine)
27 E-Sang ..... (Jardine)
30 Pacific Transport ..... (Jardine)

SHIP MOVEMENTS

S.S. President Pierce (APL) sailed from San Francisco on February 25 for Shanghai and Hong Kong and is due to arrive at Hong Kong on March 19, and will on March 21 for Manila, Cebu, Surabaja, Colombo, Cochin, Bombay, Karachi, Suez and Mediterranean Ports, (Hence New York).

S.S. President Harrison (APL) sailed from San Francisco on February 26 for Manila and Hong Kong and is due to arrive at Hong Kong on March 30 and will on March 31 for Shanghai, Yokohama, and San Francisco.

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SAILINGS

S.S. "HANGSANG"	to Sandakan	4th Mar.
S.S. "EASTERN SAGA"	to Straits & Calcutta	6th Mar.
* S.S. "TAKSANG"	to Saigon, Bangkok, Singapore & Rangoon	6th Mar.
S.S. "WOSANG"	to Inchon & Pusan (Korea)	8th Mar.
S.S. "WINGSANG"	to Keelung & Shanghai	9th Mar.
S.S. "ESANG"	to Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	14th Mar.
S.S. "CHARSANG"	to Straits & Calcutta	15th Mar.

ARRIVALS

S.S. "WOSANG"	from Penang & Singapore	p.m. 5th Mar.
S.S. "WINGSANG"	from Shanghai & Keelung	7th Mar.
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S.S. "ESANG"	from Calcutta, Straits & Saigon	11th Mar.
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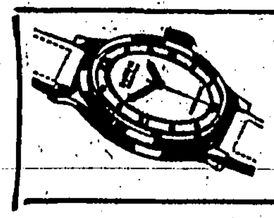

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Antarctic Areas Dispute: Lands Leased By Chile

Santiago, Chile, Mar. 2.

The Chilean President, Senor Gonzalez Videla, has leased "State-owned lands" in the Antarctic to an industrial company for setting up whaling bases, the Chilean Ministry of Agriculture and Land Settlement announced today.

The President signed the decree during his visit to "the Chilean Antarctic base of Puerto Soberania" on Greenwich Island in the British owned South Shetlands.

Both Chile and Argentina claim sovereignty in British-owned territory in the Antarctic.

Senor Manuel Trucco, the Chilean Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said last night that Chile and the Argentine would not submit their dispute with Britain over Antarctica to the Pan-American Conference, to be held shortly at Bogota.

Senor Trucco added that Chile and the Argentine had always expressed wishes for a friendly settlement and did not need the "mediation of a third party," as they were already in direct diplomatic contact with Britain.

Guatemala Resolution

It was stated in Guatemala City that the Guatemala Government was preparing a resolution for submission to the Pan-American Conference at Bogota calling on British Honduras Europeans to abandon all territory in the Western Hemisphere.

In Washington, the Guatemalan Ambassador-designate, Senor Ismael Gonzales Arevalo, reiterated Guatemala's intention today to press for a settlement through arbitration of the current dispute with Britain concerning British Honduras.

Senor Arevalo said he had no information to support a statement attributed to a Guatemalan official in Mexico City that his country would break off diplomatic relations with Great Britain because of the presence of three British warships in Guatemalan waters.

The Ambassador-designate paid a courtesy call on Mr. George Marshall, Secretary of State, today, but afterwards told the press in Washington that he had not discussed British Honduras.

Nothing To Add

He said he had nothing to add to the Guatemalan note to American republics, published yesterday, which called for a peaceful settlement of the current dispute.

Asked what further action Guatemala might take in reply to the despatch of British warships, he said: "We are a peaceful country. We have no warships, and are small in number.

"We will take no drastic action, but will continue to protest against Britain's stand through legal channels."—Reuter.

CHESS DRAW

The first round of the qualifying tournaments for this year's Colony Open Chess Championship was concluded at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday night.

Players in Group "A" also concluded their second round games, R. C. Danenberg taking the lead in this section with two clear wins.

One game in Group "B", between V. N. Dounaeff and P. K. Prokopov and another in Group "C", between V. V. Kolatchoff and To Yu-lau, had been adjourned from the previous Thursday and both ended in draws.

Dounaeff and Prokopov agreed to a draw some ten minutes after resumption of the game on Tuesday evening, having reached a locked position evolving out of a double fianchetto.

Kolatchoff and To Yu-lau played out a marathon game that lasted seven hours in two sessions and was drawn on stalemate on the 97th move.

Standard of play was generally indifferent and no exceptionally good game was seen.

Results were:

Group "A": R. C. Danenberg (w) beat J. P. de Carvalho, A. Biriukoff (w) beat A. Briedis—first round. R. C. Danenberg (b) beat A. Briedis. Eugene Tausz (b) beat A. Biriukoff—second round.

Group "B": V. N. Dounaeff (w) drew with P. K. Prokopov, A. Archangelsky (w) beat J. V. Tausz, F. X. Sequeira (b) beat J. Ramler.

Group "C": V. V. Kolatchoff (w) drew with To Yu-lau; K. M. A. Barnett (w) beat R. W. Carter; L. Schure (b) beat A. E. Gomes.

BOXING

Brussels, Mar. 2.

Laurent Dauthuille of France will meet the Dutch middleweight champion Van Dam in Brussels on March 20. It was announced here, the winner to be matched with Vince Hawkins, the British middleweight title holder in Brussels on April 17.

It is understood that the winner of this latter bout will meet Marcel Cerdan, the French and European champion, at Brussels on May 23.—Reuter.

Tennis Championships

Although the entries for the Colony Tennis Championships are by no means near the record, it must nevertheless be satisfying to those running the tournament that no fewer than 51 players have entered for the singles championship, with 37 couples for the doubles.

A number of new names appear in both sections, but the most encouraging part is that some who figured in the Colony championships before, some of the younger bloods were born are still interested enough in tennis to take an active part in the championships.

Man-kam Lo and Man-wai Lo, more familiarly known to older followers of the game as the Lo brothers, are again in the doubles section. Another "veteran" pair are the Rumjahn cousins, S. A. and H. D., who held the doubles crown I-r umpteen years.

Although it is expected that "anno domini" will prove too much for these two pairs, it is felt all the same that they will give good accounts of themselves. In contrast, particularly, they should be able to teach the younger ring a thing or two.

Notable absentees are Teddy Fincher and Omar Rumjahn, both of whom were forces to be reckoned with in their day.

Newcomers are Mary Ayres and Connie Lau, of but 13 summers.

Ayres is a hard-hitting player who is expected to give a good account of himself, while young Lin's entry is, as only to be expected, essentially for him to gain that experience in competitive tennis that should stand him in good stead in later years.

SHOT BY A CONSTABLE

Li Chung-wo alias Lau Sze-sang alias Lau Chuen-heung, 24, rattan worker, who was shot by a Police constable at Kowloon Tong on Feb. 22, made his first formal appearance before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon on the charges of armed robbery at 518 Nathan Road, ground floor, and possession of a pistol on Jan. 28.

On the application of Det. Sub-Inspector J. M. Forrest, defendant was remanded for 48 hours, when he will appear with Tang Yiu-ming (28) on the first count, and with Li Hung-shing (46) on the second count of possession of 10 rounds of ammunition.

ITALIANS TO STAY HOME

Rome, Mar. 2.

The Executive Committee of the Italian Labour Confederation decided tonight not to take part in the London Conference of the Marshall aid plan.

The voting was 13 against four, with two abstentions.
—Reuter.

Guatemala Mob Yells, Screams

(By William Hardcastle, Reuters Special correspondent)

Guatemala City, Mar. 3.

A total censorship was clamped down on British correspondents in Guatemala today at a mass demonstration of 10,000 Guatemalans, who yelled and screamed around the British legation here.

This despatch has been smuggled out as the Guatemalan authorities have refused all cable and telephone facilities.

A huge mob assembled outside the Presidential Palace of Dr. Juan Jose Arevalo, and he and members of his Cabinet saluted it from the balcony. The banners read: "America for the Americans." "Down with Britain." "Belize is ours."

Chanting the Guatemala National Anthem amid the growing uproar, the mob marched towards the British Legation, where the police were lining the front.

Mob leaders leapt onto cars to harangue the crowds through loud speakers.

Speech

In a speech to the crowd as it stood before his palace, the Guatemalan President said that he would call at the forthcoming Pan-American conference at Bogota for the abandonment of all European colonies in America.

"This will constitute a beginning of a solution not only to our claims on British Honduras but also on similar situations in the neighbouring centres and beyond the seas.

"Argentina and Chile have already taken steps and anticipated events by deeds," the President said.

The dispute with the British over the sovereignty of Belize "was the most important of our task."—Reuter.

Troops Destroy Groves

Jerusalem, Mar. 2.

British troops today destroyed the orange grove where Jewish terrorists had hid while blowing up the Cairo-Haifa passenger train as a precaution against further attacks.

The Army, using tracked vehicles and chains, rooted up about eight acres of orange trees.

Orange groves have been favourite cover for both Jews and Arabs preparing attacks.

British troops wounded two Jews and arrested two others when five Jews, travelling in an American saloon car, tried to crash a military road block south of Haifa with automatic fire, it was officially reported today. A fifth Jew escaped.

The Jewish Agency Executive met in Jerusalem today to prepare its reply to the Palestine Government's statement yesterday accusing the Agency and the Jewish population of condoning murders of British security members and generally obstructing the maintenance of law and order in Palestine.—Reuter.

REQUESTS FAIL

Brussels, Mar. 2.

Repeated requests have failed to get the Soviet Government's consent for a Belgian commission to visit Eastern Germany to arrange the return of Belgian barges removed during the war, the Belgian Foreign Office said today.

Some 800 of these vessels were affected.—Reuter.

America Backing Partition Plan

Lake Success, Mar. 2.

The United States still supports partition as a solution of the Palestine problem, Senator Warren Austin, the United States delegate, told the Security Council here today.

Senator Austin said: "The General Assembly voted for partition as the Palestine solution. The United States voted for that solution and still supports it. As we have stated before, the United States supports the General Assembly plan for partition as the framework of implementation by pacific means.

Answering objections raised against the first paragraph of the United States resolution calling for a "Big Five" committee to study the question, Senator Austin said the resolution asked the Security Council to accept, subject to the authority of the Security Council under the Charter, three parts of the General Assembly partition plan.

1.—The Security Council should take the necessary measures to implement parts of the plan.

2.—The Council should decide whether there is a threat to peace and, if so, should take measures short of war to support the Palestine Commission.

3.—The Council should decide whether any opposition to partition by force constitutes a threat to peace or aggression.

Mr. Austin said: "A vote for this paragraph would be a vote for partition as the Palestine solution."

One Reservation

The United States accepted the General Assembly's request to "take the necessary measures provided for in the plan for its implementation" with one reservation, he said.

"This is accepted subject to the limitation that armed forces cannot be used for an implementation of the plan because the Charter limits the use of United Nations force expressedly to threats and breaches and aggressions affecting international peace.

"Therefore we must interpret the General Assembly's resolution as meaning that a United Nations measure to implement this resolution are peaceful measures."

British Warning

Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, the United Kingdom Colonial Secretary, following Senator Austin, told the Security Council that Britain refuses to join the American proposed "Big Five" committee which would further investigate threats to peace in Palestine.

Mr. Creech Jones reiterated that there could be no hope that Britain might keep her troops in Palestine any longer than the August deadline already set.

He said: "I feel bound once more to emphasise the increasing gravity of the situation in Palestine. I must point out that whatever procedure the United Nations may decide to adopt with a view to assuming responsibility for the Government of Palestine on May 15, that the country is rapidly becoming disorganised, disinterested and will be even more violent and disrupted on that date."

No Coercion

Mr. Creech Jones declared: "Whatever may be the merits or demerits of the Assembly's recommendations, their workability essentially depends on the measure of cooperation between the Jews and Arabs.

"This cooperation, on which the maintenance of essential services and the normal life of the country depends, cannot be secured by coercion.

"A force sent into Palestine from outside to impose any plan not acceptable to one or the other community would have to be kept there for a long and indefinite period."—Reuter.

Arab Allegations

Lake Success, Mar. 2.

The Arab Higher Committee today accused Jewish terrorists of plotting to blow up Christian and Arab holy places in Jerusalem and lay the blame on the Arabs.

Denying charges made by a Jewish Agency spokesman on February 8 that Arabs had smuggled explosives into the area of the Mosque of Omar, the statement said:

"On reliable information, the Arab Higher Committee maintains that there is a plot by certain Jewish terrorist groups to blow up Christian and Moslem holy places, and that the statement by the Jewish Agency was only to prepare the mind of the world to blame the Arabs for such outrageous acts.

"Throughout the last 28 years, the Zionists have displayed their hostility towards Christian and Moslem holy places.

"It is their programme that a temple of Solomon be erected on the site of the Mosque of Omar, and their contempt and hostility for Christian and Moslem holy places have always been a very serious cause for friction in Palestine."

"The Arab Higher Committee wishes to draw the attention of the whole world to this conspiracy which is brewing in the minds of Jewish terrorists.

"It holds the Jewish Agency and its terrorist gangs responsible before the Christian and Moslem worlds for any damage or harm to these sacred and holy shrines."—Reuter.

Russia's Attitude

Russia accepted conditionally the United States plan.

Gromyko voiced Russia's decision against creating a formal committee of the big five powers, for consultations with Arabs and Jews. Gromyko said the five great powers certainly should consult among themselves, but that a committee as such would only drag out a settlement.

"No one great power should hide behind a committee," he said, adding that the US proposal for a big five committee to consult with the Jews and the Arabs was "artificially introduced" and could not be justified. The Palestine Commission already was consulting with Jews and Arabs and there was no necessity to create a parallel channel for consultations.

He give no hint on Russia's position on the international force requested by the five member Palestine Commission to help carry out the partition plan. Members have been slow to speak on that point.—Associated Press.

Three New Bills

Three new Bills were added to the Colony's statut book yesterday when they passed their second and third reading in Legislative Council.

The first was the Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Ordinance 1948, amending the principal Ordinance of 1935, adding opium poppy to the list of dangerous drugs and empowering the seizure and destruction of opium in cultivation.

The second was the Forestry (Amendment) Ordinance 1948 amending the principal Ordinance of 1937, creating a separate department for forestry.

The third was the Defences (Firing Areas) Amendment Ordinance 1938, amending the principal Ordinance of 1936, and reducing the number of firing areas from five to two.

H.K. Dollar And The Franc

A resolution was passed by Legislative Council yesterday raising the Hong Kong dollar equivalent of the French franc from 1-30 to 1-54 for the purpose of calculating duty payable on toilet preparations and proprietary medicines under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance 1931.

The reason for the revision, as given by the Attorney General (Mr. J. B. Griffin) is the devaluation of the franc that has taken place since the previous rate was approved on Dec. 3, 1947.

SALVATION ARMY ANNUAL APPEAL

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